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DETECTION

Of the DOINGIS of

MARIE Quene of *Scottis*,

TWICHING

The Murther of hir Husband ;

And hir Conspiracie, Adulterie, and pretenfit
Mariage with the Erle *Bothwell*:

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Ane DEFENCE of the trew Lordis, Mantenaris of the
Kingis Grace, Actioun and Authoritie.

Translatit out of the Latine, quhilk was written be M. G. B.

From the Copy.

Imprentit at *Sanctandrois* be *Robert Leckprevik*,
An. Dom. MDLXXII.

DETECTION

OF THE DOINGS OF

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

IN

The Murder of her Husband;

And her Conspiracies, Abductions, and other
Transactions with the King of France.

AND

the Discovery of the new English Method of the
King's Game, and other

Transactions of the same, and other

from the Copy

preserved at the Library of the
Museum of the City of London.

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THE
EDITOR'S
PREFACE
TO THE
DETECTION.

THIS Edition of Buchanan's *Detection* was the First that was printed of that Book, and was thought to be translated by himself from his own Latin Copy, which has rendered it so rare and scarce, that the Curious have sought after it at any rate; and therefore, that so excellent a Piece might be preserv'd, I judg'd it might be acceptable to give it a Place in my Collections, in the same Words and Stile in which it was first published.

IT was printed at St. Andrews in Scotland in the Black Letter and in the old Scottish Dialect: And some time after was reprinted in the same Character in England, but in a different Dress, being changed into the English of that Time, which being of an antiquated Stile has been taken for that printed in Scotland, as appears by the Edition in 1652, and in two other Editions since, where it is said to be translated from the Scots, whereas it is only from the old English Copy by changing some of the obsolete Words and Phrases. The old
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The EDITOR'S PREFACE

English Copies in the Black Letter from whence these modern Editions have been taken are indeed very scarce, but not so rarely to be met with as the other, for in all the Time I have been enquiring after these Matters, I never could meet with any one Copy besides that from which this is reprinted, which is in the Possession of the Right Honourable the Earl of Oxford.

THIS Book being thought to be the Dialect which Buchanan himself used, renders it the more valuable, especially, that we have so few Pieces of his in his native Tongue, and has so far raised the Curiosity of some learned Men, that tho' they were possessed of Copies of the old English Edition in the Black Letter, have nevertheless caused take Copies of this in MSS, and did esteem the Words and Expressions thereof according to the import of them, and the Phraseology of the Time very proper and significant; and I have been well informed, That the learned Dr. Sprat late Bishop of Rochester, a great Judge in such Matters, had a very high Opinion of the Beauty and Elegancy of this Performance of Buchanan in his own Dialect.

It has never been denied that Buchanan was the Author of this little Book, but as to the Time when it was pen'd, whether when himself was in England with the Earl of Murray Regent, and the other Commissioners for the young King at the Conferences held there, because it is addressed to Queen Elizabeth and treats of the Matters that were there controverted betwixt Queen Mary and these Commissioners, the Detection being in Effect the State of the Case drawn up by him against her as in a publick pleading, or whether it was done by him after Regent Murray's Death, has been a Matter of some doubt, because it mentions that Earl as dead. Some think it was writ while the Regent was alive, and that this Alteration was only made in the Printing, which was not till after the Regent's Murder. But a Letter concerning the Detection in this Volume, page 261. will afford some Light

into that Matter: And I have had Occasion to see a Paper by Thomas Bishop, who was a zealous Agent for Q. Mary and her Commissioners, which mentions this little Book as written both in English and Latin by Buchanan when he was in England. Yet some have remarked, that the Detection was not printed till about the Time when the Parliament of England was proceeding against Q. Mary in 1572. The Proceedings of which Parliament may be seen in Sir Simon D'Ewes's Journals of Q. Elizabeth's Parliaments.

THE Detection was the same Year 1572 published in French. And there was privately printed that Year a Book against the Proceedings of Q. Elizabeth and her Counsellors, with this Ironical Title, viz. A Treatise of Treasons against Queen Elizabeth and the Crown of England, which was then translated into French with some Additions under this Title, l'Innocence de la Marie Royne d'Escoffe, which is lately reprinted in the first Volume of Messieurs Woodman and Lyon's Collections. And these two last mentioned Books made much Noise at the Time, being very bitter against the Lord Keeper Bacon and Secretary Cecil.

BUT for the Entertainment and Satisfaction of the Curious, I shall give a List of the several Editions of the Detection that have occurred to me.

THE first that was printed is the Copy in Scots which is here reprinted.

ABOUT the same Time it was printed in Latin, wherein Buchanan wrote it originally, but the Latin is not so full as the Scots Translation. There was also then printed the old English Translation in the Black Letter, but neither it nor the Latin Copy bear Place, Date, nor Printer's Name; and are thought to have been done at London by John Day, soon after the Edition at St. Andrews by Lekprivick here reprinted.

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The EDITOR'S PREFACE, &c.

ABOUT the same Time the *Detection* was translated into French as has been taken Notice, and was printed in France, tho' said to be done at Edinburgh by Thomas Vvaltem 1572, where there was never any such Printer.

THIS French Translation was reprinted in the first Volume of the *Memoirs of State in the Reign of Charles the 9th of France* printed in 1579, to which French Edition the Publisher of these *Memoirs* added some Things from the second Dialogue in a scarce Book, entitled, *Reveil Matin*. This with the Additions is reprinted in the first Volume of *Messieurs Woodman and Lyon's Collections* abovementioned.

As to the Latin Copy it became very scarce and was not reprinted till of late by Mr. Freebairn in his Edition of *Buchanan's Works* printed at Edinburgh in Folio 1715, and in an Impression of these *Works* at Leyden in Quarto 1725, taken from that at Edinburgh.

THE old English Copy of the *Detection* has been turned into a more modern Stile, and was also reprinted at London in 1652 as already mentioned, and twice since, viz. in 1689, and in 1722, and have a Preface prefixed to them, but full of Errors and Mistakes in some Matters of Fact.

THE Verses at the End of the *Detection* beginning *Now judge Englishmen, &c.* are not in the old Scots Edition, nevertheless, I have reprinted them here; they being in all the English Editions thereof.

I thought it also proper to take Notice, that in the Edition here reprinted is two typographical Errors, viz. in Page 1. Line 14. Our for Zour, and in Page 10. Line 12. Jedburgh for Bothwick, which the Reader may correct, but the old Scots Edition and this are more exact in the Names of Persons, than the old English Impression. There is also in this Volume in the Declaration of Hubert alias French Paris Page 201. Line 17. the word son for feu, and in Page 203. Line 15. Course for Bourse, and Page 204. Line 7. Saltoun for Haltoun, which the Reader is likewise desired to correct.

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Detectioun of the Doingis of *Marie Quene of Scottis, &c.*

QUHAIRAS of Thingis judiciallie determinit within ony Dominioun, to have Accompt demandit be Strangeris, is to sic as be not subject to forane Jurisdiction, baith strange, and also for the Strangenes displefant, to us above all vther it aucht to be maist greuous, quha ar dreuin to yis Streicht of Necessitie, yat, quhais Faultis we desyre to couer, thair Liues we ar enforcit to accuse, vnles we will our selfis be accomptit the maist wickit Persones that liue: Bot a greit Part of this Greif is releuit be our Equitie, (maist excellent Quene) quha tak it na les displefandly to se zour Kinniswoman, than we to se our Quene, thus in Speiche of all Men, to be dishonorabillie reportit, quha als wa ar for zour Part na les desyrus to vnderstand the Treuth, than we for ouris to auoide Sclander. Thairfoir we will knit up the Mater als breifly as possibilly may be, and declair it with sic Schortnes, as we may rather seme to haue lichtly ryn ouer the cheif Pointis, than to haue largely expressit thame, beginning at the

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Quenis

Quenis first Inconstancie; for, as in making of hir Mariage, hir Lichtnes was verray heidlang and rasche, sa suddenly followit outhir inwart Repentance, or at leist outward Takinis of Change of hir Affectioun, without ony Causes appering. For, quhair befor Tyme the King was not only neglectit, bot also not honorabillie usit, at lenth began oppin Haitrent to brek out aganis him, specially in that Wynter quhen he went to *Pebles*, with small Trayne, euin to meane for the Degre of ane priuate Man; not being sent thether a Hawking, bot as commandit away into ane Corner, far from Counsell and Knowlege of publick Affairis. Nouthir is it necessarie to put in Wrying thay Thingis, quhilk, as thay wer than as a Spectakle notit of all Mennis Evis, sa now, as a fresch Image, thay remane imprentit in all Mennis Hartis. And thocht this wer the Beginning of all the Euillis that followit, zit at the First the Practises wer secreit, sa as not only the common Pepill, bot als wa sic as wer richt familiar and present at the doing of mony Materis, culd not vnderstand throuchly quhat Thing the Quene than cheifly intendit.

At the last, about the Moneth of *Aprill*, in the Zeir of God 1566. quhen the Quene was returnit from *Dumbar* to *Edinburgh*, and was ludgeit in the Castell, scho keipit hir thair till the Tyme of hir Travell of Childe. Efter hir Deliverance, immediatly the secreit Counsellis
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of ye intendit Mischeif began to brek out, quhairof the Effect was this, To dispatche away the King be ane Way or uther howfaeuer, and to mary with *Bothwell*. And that hirselt suld not be twitchit with Suspitioun of the Murther, scho began secreitly, be lytill and lytill, to saw Seidis of Dissentioun betwix the King and the Lordis that wer than in Court, and be mair and mair inflaming thame to bring the Mater to deidly Feid. And gif at ony Tyme scho espyit the Suspitiounis of ye ane aganis the uther to languish, incontinent, with new Reportis to baith Partes, scho quhettit thame on agane to fresche Displeuris, persuading the Nobilitie aganis the King, and the King aganis the Nobilitie, that outhir intendit vtheris Destruction. And scho thocht nathing sa lang as to se the Mater come to Straikis; for, douting quhidder of thame scho had rather to have the Victorie, scho accountit the Lois on ather Syde for hir Advantage, as hoping thairby to auance fordwart ane Degre neirer to that quhilk scho intendit. Finally, in schort Tyme scho sa fillit all thair Hartis with naturall Jelouseis ane aganis ane uther, that thair was not a Man of ony Reputatioun in the Court, bot he was dreuin to this Necessitie, outhir with Dishonour to zeild to Rumouris fenzeit aganis him, or to enter into Combate with the Reporteris, or to withdraw him hame. And thocht we fall pafs ouer the rest for Desyre to haist to the cheif Point of the Mater, zit

this ane notabill sclanderous Practise at that Tyme is not to be omittit: For, on a Tyme quhen the King had bene in Talk with the Quene till it was far in the Nicht, the Summe, in a Maner, of all her Communicatioun was, that almaist all ye Nobilitie had conspyrit his Deith, and wer deuyfing how to dispatche him. Efter the Kingis departing from hir, scho send furthwith for the Erle of *Murray* hir Brother, quha efter was Regent, with yis Message, That the Mater was hainous, and necessarily requyring his Presence without Delay. He being awalkit out of found Sleip, in greit Feir, cast ane Nicht Gowne ouer his Serk, and as he was half nakit ran to hir in haist. To him yan scho vfit evin the lyke Talk as scho had befoir to the King, informing him, That ye King boylit in sic deidlie Haitrent aganis him, and tuke it sa displefandlie that he stude sa hiely in hir Grace, yat he was fully determinit, sa sone as ony possibill Opportunitie seruit, to murther him: Sa als mekle as in hir lay, scho lest na Meane vnassayit to set yame togidder be the Eiris; and without all Dout had done it indeid, gif it had not bene Goddis gude Plesure to delyuer the innocent Personis from sa perrillous Treffounis, and to disclois hir wickit Trecherie.

QUHEN this Attempt faillit hir, scho assayit the zoung and unexperientit Gentilman with ane new subtill Practise. Scho ernistly laubourit him, that, quhill scho was
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greit with Childe, he fuld chuse him sum zoung Gentilwoman, quhairof thair was greit Stoir, quhais Company he micht use in the meane Time. Scho promysit him hir Assent and Furtherance, with Pardoun and Leif to commit the Offence. Scho namit to him the Erle of *Murrayis* Wyfe; not for that scho esteemit that maist nobill Lady maist apt for sic a Villanie, bot because scho thocht be that Way to be revengeit of Thre Enemeis at anis, the King, the Erle, and his Wyfe; and thair with all to win a Collour and Caus of Diuorce, to mak emptie Bedrowme for *Bothwell*.

EFTER that scho was delyuerit of Chylde, thocht scho courteously interteynit all uther, zit als oft as Word was brocht hir, yat the King was cum to se hir, baith scho and hir Company sa fraymit thair Speiche and Countenance, as gif thay semit to feir nathing mair, than that the King fuld not persaif that they lothit him, and that his Cumming and Presence was displeand to yame all. On the uther Syde, *Bothwell* alone was All in All; he alone was Gouverner of all hir Counsellis, and all hir Effairis: And sa defyrus was the Quene to haue hir hartie Affection towart him understude of all Men, that gif ony Sute wer to be maid to hir, thair was na Way of speiding for ony Man bot be *Bothwell* to obtene it.

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Not lang efter hir Delyuerance, on a Day verray airly, accompanyit with verray few that wer preuie of hir Counfall, scho went downe to the Waterfyde at ane Place callit the *Newheuin*, and quhill all merwellit quhilder scho went in sic Haist, scho suddanely enterit into ane Schip thair prepairit for hir; quhilk Schip was prouydit be *Williame Blacater*, *Edmond Blacater*, *Leonard Robertson*, and *Thomas Dicson*, *Bothwellis* Servandis, and famous Robberis and Pyrates. With this Trayne of Theifis, all honest Men wondering at it, scho betuik hirself to Sey, taking not ane uther with hir, na not of hir Gentilmen, nor necessarie Attendantis for commoun Honnestie. In *Aloe* Castell, quhair the Schip arryuit, how scho behauit hirself, I had rather euerie Man fuld with himself imagine it, than heir me declair it. This ane Thing I dar affirme, that in all hir Wordis and Doingis, scho neuer keipit ony Regard, I will not say of Quenelike Majestie, bot not of Matronelike Modestie. The King, quhen he hard of yis suddane departing of ye Quene, followit efter with all the Haist that he possibilly culd, be Land, and thair ouertuke hir, in Purpois, and hoping thair to be hir Company, and to enjoy the mutuall loueing Fellowship of Mariage: Bot how louinglie he was ressauit of hir, baith all thay that wer present, and sic as haue hard thame report it, can weill remember; for being scarcely
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sufferit to tary thair a few Houris, quhill his Men and Horfis baitit, he was enforcit to get him away in haist agane, in Pane of further Perrel. As for himself, scho pastymit thair certane Dayis, gif not in princely Magnificence, zit in mair than princely, or rather unprincely Licentiousnes. Thair went scho a Hunting, anis at ye River of *Magat*, ane uther Tyme at the Forest of *Glenartue*. Thair how coylye, zea, how loftily and disdaynfully scho behauit himself to the King, what neid it be reheirsit? for the Thing was oppinly done, in all Mennis Sicht, and continewis imprentit in all Mennis Memorie.

QUHEN scho was returnit to *Edinburgh*, scho tuke not hir Ludgeing in hir awin Palice, bot in a priuate Hous nixt adjoyning to *Johne Balfouris*. Thence scho remouit into ane vther Hous, quhair the zeirly Court, quhilk yai call ye Exchequer, was then keipit; for yis Hous was larger, and had plesand Gardines to it, and nixt to the Gardine altogidder, ane solitarie vacant Rowme: Bot yair was ane vther Mater, quhilk, mair than all thir Thingis, specially allurit hir thether. Thair dwelt hard by ane *Dauid Chamberis*, *Bothwellis* Seruand, quhais Bak-dure adjoynit to the Gardine of ye Quenis Ludgeing. The rest quha gessis not? For the Quene herself confessit the Mater, baith to mony vther, and also namely to the Regent and his Mother: Bot scho layit all the
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Blame upon my Lady *Reres*, ane Woman of maist vyle Unchastitie, quha had sumtime bene ane of *Bothwellis* Harlotis, and then was ane of the Cheif of the Quenis preuie Chalmer. Be this Woman, quha now in hir Age, had, from the Gayne of Huredome, betakin hirself to the Craft of Bawderie, was the Quene, as hirself said, betrayit; for *Bothwell* was, throw ye Gardine, brocht into ye Quenis Chalmer, and thair forcit hir aganis hir Will forsuith. Bot how mekle aganis her Will Dame *Reres* betrayit hir, Tyme, the Mother of Treuth, hes disclofit; for within few Dayis efter, the Quene intending, as I suppois, to requyte Force with Force, and to ravische him agane, fend Dame *Reres* (quha had hirself also befoir assayit the Mannis Strenth) to bring him captive vnto hir Heichnes. The Quene, with *Margaret Carwod*, ane Woman preuie of all hir Secreitis, did let hir downe be ane String ouer ane auld Wall into the nixt Gardine; bot in sic weirly Affairis all Thingis cannot euer be sa weill foirsene, bot that sum incommodious Chance may ouerthortly happin. Behald, the String suddanelly brak, and downe with a greit Noyis fell Dame *Reres*, a Woman verray heuie, baith be unweildie Age, and massie Substance. Bot scho, ane auld beatin Souldiour, nathing dismayit with the Darknes of the Nicht, the Hicht of the Wall, nor with the Suddanenes of the Fall, up scho gettis,
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and winnis into *Bothwellis* Chalmer; scho gat the Dure oppin, and out of his Bed, evin out of his Wyfis Armis, half asleip, half nakit, scho forceabilly bringis the Man to the Quene. This Maner and Circumstances of the Deid, not onlie the maist Parte of thame that than wer with the Quene, haue confessit, bot also *George Daglische*, *Bothwellis* Chalmerlane, a lytill befoir he was executit, planely declairit the same; quhilk his Confessioun zit remanis of Record.

IN the meane tyme, the King commandit out of Sicht, and with Injureis and Misereis banischit from hir, keipit himself clois with a few of his Seruandis at *Striveling*; for, allace, quhat suld he ellis do? He culd not creip into ony Peice of Grace with ye Quene, nor culd get sa mekle as to mantene his daylie necessarie Expensis, to find his few Seruandis and his Horsis. And finally, with Brawlingis lichtly ryfing for euery small Tryfle, and Querrellis usually pykit, he was chaist out of hir Presence, zit his Hart, obstinately fixit in louing hir, culd not be restraynit, bot he must neidis cum back to *Edinburgh*, of Purpois, with all Kynde of serviceabil Humbilnes, to get sum Entrie into hir former Favour, and to recover the kynde Societie of Mariage. Quha anis agane, with maist dishonourabill Disdane excludit, anis agane returnes from

quhence he come, thair, as in solitarie Deseirt, to bewail
his wofull Misereis.

WITHIN few Dayis efter, quhen ye Quene determinit to ga to *Jedburgh*, to the Assylis thair to be haldin about the Beginning of *October*, *Bothwell* makis his Jorney into *Liddisdail*; thair behauing himself nouthier according to ye Place quhairto he was callit, nor according to his Nobilitie of Race and Estimatioun, he was woundit be ane pure Theif, that he himself was reddey to die, and caryit into the Castel callit the *Hermitage*, with greit Uncertanetie of his Recouerie. Quhen Newis heirof was brocht to *Jedburgh* to the Quene, scho flingis away in Haist lyke ane mad Woman, be greit Jorneyis in Poist, in the schairp Tyme of Wynter, first to *Melros*, and than to *Jedburgh*. Thair, thocht scho hard sure Newis of his Lyfe, zit hir Affectioun, impatient of Delay, culd not temper it self, bot scho must neidis bewray hir outrageous Lust, and in ane inconvenient Tyme of the Zeir, despying all Discommoditeis of the Way and Wedder, and all Dangeris of Theifis, scho betuke hirsell heidlang to hir Jorney, with ane Company, as na Man of ony honest Degre wald have adventurit his Life and his Gudes among thame. Thence scho returnis agane to *Jedburgh*, and with maist ernist Cair and Diligence prouydis and repairis all Thingis to remuif *Bothwell* thether. Quhen

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he was anis brocht thether, thair Company and familiar Haunt togidder was sic as was smally aggreing with baith thair Honouris. Thair, quhidder it was be reffoun of thair nichtlie and daylie Trauellis, dishonourabill to thamefelfis, and infamous amang the Pepill, or be sum secreit Prouydence of God, the Quene fell into sic ane fair and dangerous Seiknes, that scarcely thair remanit ony Hope of hir Lyfe.

QUHEN the King hard thair of, he haistit in Poist to *Jedburgh* to veseit the Quene, to confort hir in hir Waiknes, and be all the gentill Services that he possibilie culd, to declair his Affeetioun, and hartlie Desyre to do hir Plesure. Sa far was it of, that his Ludgeing and Thingis necessarie was prouydit for him aganis his Cumming (quhilk is wont to be done euin for meane Persones) that he fund not ony ane Takin toward him of ane freindlie Mynde. Bot this was ane Point of maist barbarous Inhumanitie vsit aganis him, that the Nobilitie and all the Officeris of the Court that wer present, wer speciallie forbiddin, not anis to do him Reverence at his Cumming, nor to zeild him thair Ludgeing, nor to herberie him sa mekle as for ane Nicht. And quhairas the Quene suspectit that the Erle of *Murray*, quhilk efterward was Regent, wald schaw him Courtesie, scho practisit with his Wyfe to ga Hame in Haist, and fenze hir-

self feik, and keip hir Bed, yat at leift be this Collour, under Pretence of hir Seiknes, ye King nicht be fchot out of Dures. Being thus denyit all Dewteis of civile Kyndnes, ye nixt Day, with greit Greif of Hart, he returnit to his auld folitarie Corner. In the meane tyme, quhill the King, in yat Want of all Thingis, and forsakin of all Freindis, scant, with Begging, findis Rowme in ane Cotage, *Bothwell*, out of ye Hous quhair he was ludgeit befoir, as it wer in Tryumph ouer ye King, was gloriously remuifit in Sicht of the Pepill, to the Quenis awin Ludgeing, and thair laid in ane lawer Chalmer, directly under the Chalmer quhair the Quene hirself lay feik. Thair, quhill thay baith wer zit febill and unhailit, fcho of hir Difeis, and he of his Wound, the Quene being verray waik of hir Body, zit visitit him daylie; and quhen yai wer baith a lytill recoverit, and thair Strenthis not zit fullie fettillit, thay returnit to thair auld Pastyme agane, and that fa oppinlie as thay semit to feir nathing mair, than leift thair Wickitnes fuld be unknowin.

ABOUT the V. Day of *November*, being remuifit from *Jedburgh*, to ane Towne callit *Kelfo*, thair fcho reffaut Letteris from the King, quhilk quhen fcho had red, in Prefence of the Regent, the Erle of *Huntly*, and the Secreter, fcho caft ane pietious Luik, and miserabillie tormentit

mentit himself, as gif scho wald haue incontinent fallin downe agane into hir former Seiknes; and scho planely and expreslie protestit, that unles scho micht be sum Meane or uther be dispatchit of the King, scho suld never haue ane gude Day; and gif be na uther Way scho culd attene it, rather than scho wald abyde to leif in sic Sorrow, scho wald slay herself.

WITHIN few Dayis efter, quhill, in hir Returne throw *Marcheland*, scho lay at *Coldinghame*, Dame *Reres* passit throw the Watche, and was knawin, and let ga. Quhat Company scho had, and quhair scho zeid at yat Time of ye Nicht, it was not unknowin to ye Quene. From thyne, about the End of *Nouember*, scho come to *Craigmillar*, ane Castell about Twa Mylis from *Edinburgh*. Thair, in Presence of the Erle of *Murray* (quhilk efterward was Regent, and now is himself also slane) and of the Erles of *Huntly* and *Argyle*, and the Secreiter, scho fell into hir said former Discourse, and also addit the maist commodious Way, as scho thocht, how it micht be brocht to pas, that is, to sue a Divorce aganis the King. And scho doutit not bot it micht esilie be obtenit; for als mekle as thay wer, the ane to the uther, in sic Degre of Consanguinitie, as, be the Papis Law, micht not mary togidder, specially (quhilk was esie for hir to do) the Bull being conueyit away, quhairby the same Law was dispensit

penfit with. Heir, quhen ane had cast a Dout, that gif scho fuld ga that Way to Wark, thair Sone fuld be maid a Bastard, being borne out of lawfull Wedlock, specially sen nouthir of his Parentis wer ignorant of the Causis quhairby the Mariage fuld be voyde. Yis Answer quhen scho had ane Quhyle toffit in hir Mynde, and knew that he said Treuth, and that scho durst not as zit disclois hir Purpois to mak away hir Sone, scho gaif over that Deuise of Diuorce, and zit from that Day fordwart scho never ceissit to persew hir Intentioun of murthering the King, as may esilie be persauit be that quhilk followit.

THE King being returnit from *Striviling* to *Craigmillar*, quhen he hopit to find hir mair gentill towart him, and hir Displeasure be Proces of Tyme sumquhat appeisit, he sa fand na Takin of Change of hir Affectioun, that he was not allowit ony Thing for his daylie Sustenance, vnles he keipit him still at *Striviling*. Quhilk Thing exceedingly encreffit the Pepilis Suspicioun, utherwyse of it self alreddy aneuch inclynit to that Judgement, of the unchaft Companying of the Quene with *Bothwell*.

ABOUT the Beginning of *December*, quhen thair was Ambassadouris cum out of *France* and *England*, to the Baptisme of the King yat now is, yat *Bothwell* micht be gorgiously besene amang ye Nobilitie, scho hirself laid out

out the Money to by him Apparell, and sum scho bocht
 himself of the Merchandis for him, and scho sa applyit hir-
 self with sic Diligence in ouerseing the making thair of, as
 gif scho had bene, I will not say his Wyfe, bot euin his
 Seruand. In the meane tyme, hir lawful Husband, at
 the Baptisme of his awin Chylde, not only wantit all hir
 Maintenance for his necessarie Expensis, bot also was com-
 mandit not anis to cum in the Ambassadouris Sicht: His or-
 dinarie Seruandis were remuifit from him, the Nobilitie
 wer enioynit not anis to attend upon him, nor to do him
 Honour, nor in a Maner to knaw him. Ye forane Am-
 bassadouris wer warnit not to talk with him, quhen zit the
 maist Part of the Day thay wer all in the same Castell
 quhair he was.

THE zoung Gentilman thus contempteously and un-
 kyndlie usit, fell in sic Dispair, that he departit from *Stri-
 uiling*, and zeid to *Glasgow* to his Father. At his Depart-
 ing, the Quene still persewit him with hir wontit Haitrent.
 All his silver Plait quhairwith he was seruit from his Mari-
 age till that Day, scho tuke it away everie Quhit, and ap-
 poyntit Pewder in the Steid thair of. Bot let this serue only
 to preif hir Contempt of him: The rest that followis, ar
 euident Argumentis of outrageous Crueltie, and unappeisa-
 bill Haitrent. Or he was past ane Myle from *Striviling*,
 all ye Partis of his Body wer takin with sic ane fair Zuik,

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as it micht esilie appeir that the same proceidit not of ye Force of ony Seiknes, bot be plane Trecherie. The Takinis of quhilk Trecherie, certane blak Pimples, sa sone as he was cum to *Glasgow*, brak out ouer all his haill Body, with sa greit Zuik, and sic Pane throwout all his Lymmis, that he lingerit out his Lyfe with verray small Hope of Eschaip. And zit all this quhyle, the Quene wald not suffer sa mekle as ane Phisitoun anis to cum at him.

FTER the Ceremoneis of the Baptisme endit, scho practisit with hir Brother the Erle of *Murray*, That quhen he fuld ga to conduct the Erle of *Bedford*, the Quene of *Englandis* Ambassadour, to *Sanctandros*, he fuld requyre *Bothwell* also to beir him Company: Quha indeid franklie promysit sa to do. Howbeit, baith he and the Quene, the Devyser of that Dissimulatioun, thocht na thing les, as the Succes schawit. For, sa sone as the King was gane to *Glasgow*, and the rest towart *Sanctandros*, scho with hir *Bothwell* gat hir to *Drumen*, and from thyne to *Tillibarne*; in quhilk Houfis thay sa past the Tyme about VIII. Dayis, in everie Corner, and in familiar hanting togidder, as all (sauing thame selfis alone that had cast away all Schame) wer hielie offendit with thair Contempt and vyle Regaird of publict Fame, seing thame now not anis to seik to cover thair filthy Wickitnes.

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QUHEN, about the Beginning of *January*, thay wer returnit to *Striviling*, scho began to find Fault with the Hous quhairin hir Sone was nurischit, as incommodious, becaus it stude in ane cauld and moyst Place, dangerous for bringing the Chylde to ane Reume. Bot it fall esilie appeir that this was done for vther Purpois; for als mekle as all thir Faultis that scho pretendit, baith wer not in that Hous, and also wer indeid in the vther Hous, to quhilk the Chylde was remuifit, being set in ane law Place, and a verray Marische. The Chylde being scarcely abone VI. Monethis auld, in the Deip of a schairp Wynter, was conuoyit to *Edinburgh*. Thair, becaus the first Attempt prevaillit not, and the Force of the Poyfoun was ouercum be Strenth of Nature, that at lenth zit scho micht bring furth that quhairwith scho had sa lang trauellit, scho enteris into new Deuyfes for the Murther of ye King.

HIRSELF gais to *Glasgow*, scho pretendis the Caus of hir Jornay to be to se the King aliue, quhais Deith scho had continually gapit for the Moneth befoir. Bot quhat was indeid the trew Caus of that Jornay, ilk Man may planely persais be hir Letteris to *Bothwell*. Being now out of Cair of hir Sone, quhome scho had in hir awin Waird, bending herself to the Slauchter of hir Husband, to *Glasgow* scho gais, accompanyit with the *Hammiltounis*, and vther the Kingis naturall Enemeis.

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BOTHWELL, as it was betwene thame befoir accordit, prouydis all Thingis redy that wer neidful to accomplishe ye haynous Act: First of all, ane Hous, not commodious for ane seik Man, nor cumly for a King, for it was baith reuin and ruynous, and had stand emptie without ony Dweller for diuers Zeiris befoir, in ane Place of small Resort, betwene the auld fallin Wallis of twa Kirkis, neir ane few Almous-housis for pure Beggeris. And that na commodious Meane for committing that Mischeif nicht be wanting, thair is ane posterne Dure in the Towne Wall hard be the Hous, quhairby thay nicht esilie pas away into the Feildis. In cheising of the Place, scho wald neidis haue it thocht that thay had Respect to the Hellsunnes. And to auoyde Suspicioun that this was ane fenzeit Pretence, himself the twa Nichtis nixt befoir the Day of the Murther, lay thair in ane laicher Rowme under the Kingis Chalmer. And as scho did curiously put of ye Schawis of Suspicioun from himself, sa the Executioun of the Slauchter scho was content to haue committit to uther.

ABOUT thre Dayis befoir that the King was flane, scho practisit to set hir Brother Lord *Robert* and him at deidly Feid, making Reckning that it suld be Gayne to hir, quhilk sa euer of thame baith had perischt. For Mater to ground thair Dissentioun, scho maid Reheirfall of the Speich that the King had had with hir concerning hir Brother:

ther: And quhen thay baith sa grew in Talk, as the ane semit to charge the uther with the Lie, at last thay wer in a Maner cum from Wordis to Blawis. Bot quhil thay wer baith laying thair Handis on thair Wappinnis, the Quene fenzeing as thocht scho had bene perrillously effrayit of that quhilk scho ernistly desyrit, callit the Erle of *Murray* hir uther Brother to the parting, to this Intent, that scho nicht outhir presentlie bring him in Danger to be slane himself, or in Tyme to cum to beir the Blame of sic Mischeif as then nicht haue happinnit. Quhen this Way the Succes fell not out as scho desyrit, scho devysit a new Way to transfer the Suspicioun from herself. Quhill the Erle of *Murray* did willinglie keip himself from the Court, and had ressonabill Excuse for his Absence, for that his Wyfe being neir hir Tyme, was besyde yat alswa verray seik; at the same Tyme thair was ane Ambassadour cum from the Duke of *Sauoy*: This the Quene tuke for ane convenient Collour to send for hir Brother; bot the trew Caus of hir sending for him, was, that scho had ane Desyre to cast the Suspicioun of the Kingis Murther upon him, and upon the Erle of *Mortoun*, and thairwithall alswa at anis to procure the Destruction of thay twa, being Men acceptabill to the Pepill, and likely Aduersaries to hir Practise, quha intendit to set up ane tyrannicall Regiment. Bot Goddis gude Clemencie, that oft befoir had delyue-

rit the Erle of *Murray* fra mony Tressounis of his Enemeis, did then als wa manifestly succour him: For, upon the *Sunday*, quhilk was the IX. Day of *Februar*, quhen he was ganging to the Kirk to ane Sermon, ane Letter was brocht him that his Wyfe was delyuerit befoir her Tyme, and in verray small Hope of Lyfe. Quhen he being dismayit with thir suddane Newis, askit Leif of the Quene to depart; scho answerit, Yat gif the Cace wer sa, it wer ane superfluous Journay for him to ga to hir, being not abill to do hir ony Gude in hir Seiknes. Bot quhen he was still mair importunate, scho prayit him that he wald zit tary bot yat ane Nicht, and tak his Journay the nixt Day to his Wyfe. Bot the Clemencie of God, as at mony uther Tymes, baith delyuerit the innocent Gentilman from present Perrell, and als wa take away the Occasioun of Sclander aganis him in Tyme to cum. Howbeit, for all this, thocht thair wer na Caus of Suspicioun, zit he eschaipit not fre from Sclander: For *Huntly* and *Bothwell* thocht thay culd not justly charge him, zit laubourit, be infamous Lybellis, quhilk thay spred abroad, to disteyne him with the maist foull Spot of that schamefull Act. And quhair as the Murther was committit efter Midnicht, thay had befoir Daylicht causit, be speciall forappointit Messingeris, Rumouris to be spred in *England*, That the Erles of *Murray* and *Mortoun* wer Doeris of that Slauchter. Bot
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that Rumour, sa fone as the Licht of the Treuth anis brak furth, suddanely vanischt away, as uther Falfetis ar commounlie wont to do.

QUHEN all Thingis wer reddy prepairit for performing this cruell Fact, and zit all Occasiounis cut of to diuert the Blame thair of, the Partneris of the Conspiracie feiring lest lang Delay fuld outhir bring sum Impediment to thair Purpois, or disclois yair Counsellis, determinit to dispathe it in Haist: The Quene thairfoir, for Maneris sake, efter Supper, gais up to the Kingis Ludgeing. Thair being determinit to schaw him all the Takinis of reconcilit gude Will, scho spent certane Houris in his Company, with Countenance and Talk mekle mair familiar then scho had usit in Sex or Seuin Monethis befoir. At the Cumming in of *Paris*, scho brak of hir Talk, and prepairit to depart. This *Paris* was ane zoung Man borne in *France*, and had leuit certane Zeiris in the House of *Bothwell* and *Setoun*, and efterwart with the Quene. Quhairas the uther Keyis of that Ludgeing wer in Custodie of the Kingis Seruandis, *Paris* be fenzeing certane fond and sclender Causis, had in keiping ye Keyis quhilk *Bothwell* keipit back, of the back Gate and the Posterne. He was in speciall Traist with *Bothwell* and the Quene, tuiching thair secreit Effairis. His Cumming (as it was befoir aggreit amang thame) was ane Watche-word yat
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all was reddy for the Mater. Als fone as the Quene saw him, scho rais up immediatly, and fenzeing ane uther Caus to depart, scho said, Allace, I have mekle offendit towart *Sebastiane* this Day, that I come not in ane Maske at his Mariage. This *Sebastiane* was ane *Arvernois*, a Man in greit Favour with the Quene for his Cunning in Musike, and his merie Jesting, and was maryit the same Day. The King thus left, in Maner, alone, in ane desolate Place, the Quene departis, accompanyit with the Erles of *Argyle*, *Huntly*, and *Cassillis*, that attendit upon hir. Efter that scho was come into hir Chalmer, efter Midnight, scho was in lang Talk with *Bothwell*, nane being present bot the Capitane of hir Gaird. And quhen he alswa withdrew himself, *Bothwell* was thair left alone, without uther Company, and schortlie after reteirit into his awin Chalmer. He changeit his Apparell, becaus he wald be unknowin of sic as met him, and put on ane lose Cloke, sic as the *Swartrytters* weir, and sa zeid fordwart throw the Watche, to execute his intendit traterous Fact. The haill Ordour of the doing thair of may be esilie understand by thair Confessiounis quhilk wer put to Deith for it.

BOTHWELL, efter the Deid was endit that he zeid for, returnit, and as gif he had bene ignorant of all that was done, he gat him to Bed. The Quene, in the meane tyme,

tyme, in greit Expectatioun of the Succes, how fynelie scho playit hir Part (as scho thocht) it is Merwell to tell; for scho not anis steirit at the Noyes of the Fall of ye Hous, quhilk schuik the haill Towne, nor at the feirfull Outcryis that followit, and confusit Cryis of the Pepill (for I think thair happinnit hir not ony new Thing unlukit for) till *Bothwell*, fenzeing himself affrayit, rais agane out of his Bed, and come to hir with the Erles of *Argyle*, *Huntly*, and *Athole*, and with the Wyfes of the Erles of *Mar* and *Athole*, and with the Secreter. Thair, quhill the monstrous Chance was in telling, quhill euerie ane wonderit at the Thing, that the Kingis Ludgeing was euin from the verray Foundatioun blawin up in the Air, and the King himselfe flane: In this Amasitnes and confusit Feir of all Sortis of Persones, only that same heroicall Hart of the Quene mantenit it self sa far from casting hirself downe into base Lamentatiounis and Teiris, unbeseming the royal Name, Blude and Estate, that scho matchit, or rather far surmountit all Credite of the Constancie of ony in former Tymes. This also proceidit of the same Nobilitie of Curage, that scho send out the maist Part of thame that wer then about hir, to enquire out the Maner of the Doing, and commandit the Soldiouris that watchit, to follow, and scho hirself settillit hir to Rest, with ane Countenance sa quyet, and Mynde sa un-

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troubillit, yat scho sweitly fleipit till the nixt Day at None. Bot leif scho fuld appeir voyde of all Naturalnes at the Deith of hir Husband, be lytill and lytill, at lenth scho keipit hir clois, and proclaimit a Murning not lang to indure.

THE commoun Pepill, not certanely knawing quidder scho lauchit or lamentit, wer deuydit into findrie Imaginatiounis, fen it was perrillous Deilling with the disguising of the Court, outhir in knawing it to seme to mocke it, or in not cunningly dissembilling to seme to knaw it. Quhill sum talkit of ane Sort, sum of ane uther, in the meane tyme of ony Inquyrie to be had of the Murther thair was na Mentioun maid at all. At lenth, the Day following, at Efternone, quhen baith Schame and Feir constranit thame thairto, *Bothwell*, the principall Doer of the vyle Act, with certane uther that wer preuie to the same, assemblit togidder with the Erle of *Argyle*, for that he is be Inheritance the Justice to deill with Crymes punischabil be Deith. First, as thocht yai had bene utterly ignorant of all yat euer was done, yai begin to wonder at the Strangenes of the Mater, sic as neuer was hard of, and incredibill. Then thay begin to be busie a lytill about yair Inquyrie. Thay send for ane few pure sillie Wemen that dwelt thairabout. Quhilk pure Saulis standing in dout quidder it wer better for thame to tell
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or hald yair Peace, thocht thay danetily temperit yair Speich, zit quhen thay had blabbit out sum Thing mair then ye Judges lukit for, thay wer dismissit agane as Fuillis that had bot undiscreitly spoken. For thair Testimoneis, thocht thay twichit sum Folkis schrewitly, zit thay wer sic as thay micht esilie fet licht by. Than wer callit and examinitt the Kingis Seruandis that wer of his Houshald, sic as wer left undistroyit with the cruell Chance. Thay denyit that thay had ye Keyis in keiping: Being examinitt quha had thame, thay said, Ye Quene. Sa the Enquyrie, for Maneris saik, was continewit, bot indeid suppressit for Feir, leist gif thay proceidit further, the Secretis of the Court micht happin to be discloisit. Zit, leist ye Mater fuld seme not to be regardit, out gais ane Proclamatioun, with Rewairdis promysit to him that culd gif Informatioun of it. Bot quha durst accuse the Quene? Or (quhilk was in Maner mair perrillous) quha durst detect *Bothwell* of sic ane horribill Offence, specially quhen he himself was baith Doer, Judge, Inquyrer, and Examiner? Zit this Feir, quhilk stoppit the Mouthis of everie Man in particulare, culd not restrane the haill Multitude in general: For, baith be Buikis set out, and be Pictures, and be Cryis in the darke Nicht, it was sa handillit, that the Doeris of the mischeuous Fact micht esilie understand, that thay Secretis of thairis wer cum abrode. And quhen euerie

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Man was now out of dout quha did ye Murther, and quha
 gaif Furtherance unto it, the mair that thay laubourit to
 keip thair awin Names undiscloisit, sa mekle the Pepilis
 Grudge restranit, brak out mair oppinlie. Thocht thay
 tuke upon thame as gif thay regardit not thir Thingis, zit
 sum tyme the Rumouris sa neirly prickit thame to the
 Quick, that thay culd by na Meanes hyde thair Anger:
 Thairfoir, discontinued thair Seirching for the Kingis
 Deith, yay begin ane new Inquyrie far mair ernist aganis
 the Authoris of Buikis, and the Sclandereris of *Bothwell*,
 as thay thamefelfis termit thame. Thir Examinatiounis
 wer sa rigorously put in Executioun, as nouthir Money,
 nor Laubour of Men nor Horsis, was spairit about it. All
 the Paynteris wer callit togidder, all yat wan yair Leuing
 be Wryting, wer assembillit to judge of the Pictures and
 Buikis that had bene set out. And gif ane Paynter had not
 of his awin Accord confessit, that it was he of quhais Wark
 thay inquyrit, ane vther that was not gyltie thairof, bot
 twichit ane lytill with a slicht Suspicioun, had sufferit for
 it. Thair was publischit ane Proclamatioun aggreabill with
 the Maner of the Inquisitioun, quhairin it was maid Deith
 not only to set out ony sic Mater, bot also to reid it, be-
 ing set out be ane uther. Bot yir Persones yat with Threit-
 ning of Deith practisit to stop the Speich of the Pepill,
 zit not satisfyit with maist cruel Murther of ye King, ceis-

fit not thair Haitrent aganis him quhen he was deid. All his Gudes, Armure, Horsis, Apparell, and uther Furniture of his Hous, the Quene deuydit sum to thame that slew him, and sum to his Fatheris ancient deidly Fais, as gif thay had upon Atteinder cum to hir be Forfaltour: And his Fatheris Tennentis, as thocht thay had bene alswa Part of hir conquerit Boty, scho sa scrapit, till scho brocht thame in a Maner to extreme Beggerie.

B o r this was ane strange Exempill of Crueltie, and sic as neuer was hard of befoir, that as scho had satisfyt hir Hart with his Slauchter, sa scho wald neidis feid hir Eyis with the Sicht of his Body flane. For scho lang beheld, not only without Greif, bot alswa with gredy Eyis, his deid Corps, the gudlyest Corps of ony Gentilman that euer leuit in this Age. And than suddanely, without ony funerall Honour, in the Nicht-tyme, be commoun Caryeris of deid Bodyis upon ane vyle Beir, scho causit him to be buryit hard by *Dauid Rizo*. Quhen thir Doingis wer knawin abrode, and that the Indignatioun of the Pepill had ouercum the Threitningis of Penalteis, and the Franknes of Sorrow surmountit Feir, be lytill and lytill scho began to set hir Face, and with counterfuting of Murning, scho laubourit to appeis the Hartis of the grudgeing Pepill. For, quhair the ancient Maner hes bene for Quenis, efter the Deith of yair Husbandis, be ye Space of Fourtie Dayis,

not only to forbear the Company of Men, but alswa from loking on the oppin Licht, scho attemptit a disguisit Maner of Murning. Bot the Myrth of Hart far passing the fenzeit Sorrow, scho schuit the Dures indeid, bot scho set oppin the Windois, and within Four Dayis scho cast away hir wayling Weid, and gane to behald baith Sonne and oppin Sky agane; bot this ane Thing fell verray ouerthortly: For, quhen *Henrie Killegre* was cum from the Quene of *England* to comfort hir, as the Maner is, this Gentilman Strangeris Hap was to spill the Play, and unvi-
 for all the Disguising; for, quhen he was be the Quenes Commandement cum to the Court, thocht he being ane auld Courteour, and ane gude discreit Gentilman, did na-
 thing haistely, zit he come in sa unseffonabilly or the Stage wer prepairit and furnischt, that he fand the Windois oppin, the Candillis not zit lichtit, and all ye Prouisioun for the Play out of Ordour. Quhen of the Fourtie Dayis that ar appointit for the Murning, scant Twelf wer zit fully past, and the Counterfuting wald not frame half hand-
 sumly, and to disclois hir trew Effectiounis sa sone, scho was sumthing aschamit: At lenth taking Hart of Grace unto hir, and neglecting sic Tryfles, scho cummis to hir awin Byes, and oppinlie schawis hir awin natural Condi-
 tiounis. Scho postis to *Setounis* Hous with a verray few, and thay not all of the saddest Company. Thair *Bothwell*,
 thocht

thocht it semit that for the greit Fauour he then had in Court, and for the Nobilitie of his Birth, and uther Respects of Honour, he fuld haue bene nixt efter the Quene maist honourabilly ressaueit, zit was ludgeit in ane Chalmer hard be the Kitchin. Howbeit, the same was ane Place not altogidder unfit to assuage thair Sorrowis, for it was directly under the Quenis Chalmer: And gif ony suddane Quhelme of Greif fuld haue happinnit to cum ouer hir Hart, yair was ane Stair, thocht sumthing narrow, zit wyde aneuch for *Bothwell* to get up to comfort hir.

IN the meane tyme, efter the Rumour heirof was spred into *France*, Monfiure *de Croe*, quha had oftin befoir bene Ambassadour in *Scotland*, come in suddanely upon thame, God wait full vnfessionabillie. Be his Auise scho returnit to *Edinburgh*, out of that Den, quhilk euin as far as *France* was infamous. Bot in *Setounis* Hous wer sa mony commodious Opportunitieis for hir Purpois, that howsaeuer hir gude Name wer thairby appairit, scho must neidis ga thether agane. Thair wer Counsellis haldin of ye greit Effairis of the Realme. The End of the Consultatioun was, That *Bothwell* fuld be arraynit of the Murther, and acquytit be Judges thairto chosin for the Nanis, and constranit. It was concludit, that the meaner Sort of the Judges micht, with Fauour and fair Promyfis be led, and the rest of the greiter and grauer Sort (quhom
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for Faffounis faik thay wer dreuin to call to the Mater)
 nicht be drawin with Feir to acquyte him. For besyde
 Lybellis thairof commounlie castin abrode, ye Kingis
 Father, the Erle of *Lennox*, did oppinly accuse him for
 principall Author of the Murther.

THE Assemblie of the Estatis in Parliament was at
 Hand, quhilk was to be haldin the XIII. of *Apryll*, be-
 foir quhilk Day thay wald neidis haue the Arrainment
 dispatchit. That greit Haist was the Caus quhy, in that
 Preceding and Tryall, nathing has bene done according
 to the Forme of Law, nathing in Ordour, nathing efter
 the ancient Usage. Thair aucht to have bene publict
 Summoundis of the Accuseris, the nixt of the Kin, the
 Wyfe, the Father and the Sone, outhet to be present
 yameselfis, or to send yair Proctouris. The Law also
 gaif thame Tyme of Fourtie Dayis. Bot thair the Father
 was commandit to cum within XIII. Dayis, and yat with-
 out ony Assemblie of his Freindis, with his awin houshold
 Retinue onely, quhilk, be ressoun of his greit Pouertie,
 was now brocht to a few. Quhill in the meane tyme,
Bothwel, with greit Bandis of Men, daylie musterit a-
 bout the Towne. And becaus he verraly beleuit, that in
 sa assurit Perrel, na Man wald tak upon him to be his
 Accuser, he grew to sic ane Negligence, and sic Con-
 tempt of Law, and judiciall Proceeding, that the Dictay
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was framit of ane Murther supposit to be done the Nynt Day of *February*, quhen indeid the King was flane the X. Day. In cheiffing and refusing of the Judges the lyke Seueritie was usit, for the Murthereris thameselfis maid the Chuse of ye Judges, quhen thair was na Man to tak Exceptioun aganis thame. The Erle of *Cassillis* willing rather to pay his Amercement, as the Maner is, then to be a Judge in the Mater, quhen he had stand in it an Quhyle, and wald not appeir at the Quenis Requeist and Manasing, zea, thocht scho send hir Ring for Credite baith of hir ernist Prayer and Threitning; at lenth, constrainit with Feir of Exyle and Punitioun, he zeildit. Thair sat the Judges, not chosin to judge, bot pykit out to acquyte. The Caus proceidit without ony Aduersarie: Ane Tryall in a Mater of Lyfe and Deith, quhen thair was neuer ane Accuser, bot subornit be the Partie accusit; sa as a Man micht weill think it not the Tryall of ane Caus in a Court, bot the playng of ane Interlude upon ane Stage. In all this Recklesnes of all Thingis, zit behald, I pray zow, of quhat Force is the Testimony of Conscience on ilk Syde! Suddanely, unlukit for, thair startis up ane zoung Man of the Erle of *Lennox* Hous, in quhome the Respect of Dewtie vanquishit the Feir of Danger. This zoung Man maid ane oppin Protestatioun, that the same Assemblie of Judges was not lawfull, becaus

in thair Proceeding thair was nathing done according to Law or Ordour. At this Saying the Judges wer all stricken in sic ane Feir, that yai all incontinent with ane Mouth maid Protestatioun, with Prouisioun, that it suld not heirefter be prejudiciall to yame, in yat yai acquytit ane Presoner quhom na Man accusit, and that thay had acquytit him of ane Murther alledgeit to be committit the Nynt Day of *February*, quhen the King was flane the X. Day. This is that same nobill Tryall and Judgement, quhairby *Bothwell* was, not clenfit of the Cryme, bot, as it wer, waschit with Sowteris Bleking, and sa mair cumly prepairit to ga a Wowing to wed the Quene, and sa to becum ane Husband to hir greiter Schame then he was befoir ane Adulterer. To mak up zit ye full Perfection and Incres of this joly Acquittall, thair was set up ane Wryting in the maist notorious Place of ye Court, yat thocht *Bothwel* had be just Tryal and Judgement bene lawfully clengeit and acquytit of the Murther quhairof he had bene falsly accusit, zit for mair manifest Declaratioun of his Innocencie to the haill Warld, he was reddy to try it in Combat, gif ony Man of gude Fame, and ane Gentilman borne, wald charge him with the Murther of the King. The nixt Day efter, thair was ane that set up ane Bill in oppin Place, and offerit to accept the Combat, sa yat thair micht for the Battell be sic ane Place appointit, quhair-

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in the Partie nicht faifly, without Feir, difclois his Name.

QUHILL Materis and Mennis Affectiounis wer in yis Steir, the Parliament affembillit. Thairefter thay had for VIII. Dayis togidder, in Maner done nathing, but treitit of reuerfing the Judgement, quhairby the Erle *Huntlyis* Father had bene attaintit of Treffoun, and for restoring the Sone to his Fatheris Poffeffiounis and Honouris: Thair wer alwa certane plaufibill Thingis grantit to pleis the Pepill, and fpecially for the Kirk, namely, the repelling of certane Lawis of Papifche Tyrannie, maid for punifching of fic as durft anis mutter aganis the Decreis of the Sect of *Rome*.

THOCHT thir Thingis wer acceptabill amang the Commounaltie, zit thair remanit ane Thing, quhilk na les vexit the Quene then offendit the Pepill; that is to fay, hir companying with *Bothwell*, not altogidder fa oppinly as fcho wald fane haue had it, and zit not fa fecretly bot that the Pepill perfauit it, for that all Mennis Eyis wer gafing upon thame. For quhairas *Bothwell* had ane Wyfe of his awin, and to tary for ane Divorce was thocht ane ouer lang Delay, and in the meane tyme, the Quene culd nouthir oppinly avow to haue him, nor fecretly enjoy him, and zit in na wife culd be without him, fum Schift, thocht not ane honeft ane, zit ane Schift forfuith

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must be deuyfit; and quhen thay culd not think upon ane better, it semit thame ane meruellous fyne Invention, God wait, that *Bothwell* suld ravische and tak away the Quene be Force, and sa faif hir Honour. Sa within a few Dayis efter, as the Quene was returning from *Striuling*, *Bothwell* forceabillie tuke hir be the Way, and caryit hir to *Dunbar*, quhidder with hir Will, or aganis hir Will, euerie Man may esilie persais be hir awin Letteris that scho wrait to him be the Way as scho was in hir Jorney. Bot howsaever it wer, that the Wrang of the Ravischment might be defacit with honest Collour of Marriage, *Bothwellis* Wyfe was compellit in twa Courtis to sue ane Diuorce aganis hir Husband.

BEFOIR Judges delegate appointit be the Quenis Authoritie to haue Jurisdiction in sic Causis, the Wyfe accusis the Husband of Adulterie, quhilk with thame was ane just Caus of Diuorce: Befoir Papische Judges, quha indeid be Law wer forbiddin, zit, be speciall Dispensatioun of the Bischop of *Sanctandrois*, wer for the heiring of this Caus only permittit. *Bothwell* was accusit, That befoir his Marriage with his Wyfe, he had committit Fornicatioun with his Wyfes neir Kinniswoman: Howbeit all this quhyle yai keipit clois the Papis Bull, be quhilk the same Offence was dispensit with. The Diuorce was poistit fordwart without ony Slaknes, outhir in ye Witneffis or in ye Judges.

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Within the Space of X. Dayis, the Mater was takin in Hand, begune and intendit, joynit unto, tryit and judgeit befoir baith the Companyis of Judges. Quhen the Sentence of Divorce was geuin and fend to *Dunbar*, *Bothwell* incontinent assembillis togidder from all Partis all his Freindis, his Seruandis and Reteineris, to conuoy to *Edinburgh* the Quene, quha wald then neidis tak upon hir to be ane Prisoner. Quhen thay wer thus gadderit togidder, the maist Part of thame in Armour, be the Way as thay wer conducting the Quene, mony of thame wer suddenly strikin in sum Feir, leist in Tyme to cum thay might be chargeit for halding the Quene as Presoner; and that thocht thair wer nane uther Euidence, zit this ane Thing wald be Preif aneuch aganis thame, That in Tyme of Peice thay wer fund armit about hir. Quhill thay wer in this Dout in the Middis of thair Jornay, yai all cast away thair Speiris, and in mair pefiabill Array, at leist in Schew, thay conuoyit hir to the Castel of *Edinburgh*, quhilk Castell was also the same Tyme at *Bothwellis* Commandement. Thair scho taryit with *Bothwell* quhill the Bandis wer publisching. Then scho come downe out of the Castell into the Towne, to the commoun Assemblie of the Judges, and thair pronouncit hirselve to be fre and at hir awin Libertie. And sa at lenth within VIII. Dayis, scho finischt that unmatrimoniall Matrimonie, all gude Men sa

far detesting, or at leist grudgeingly foirjudgeing ye un-
lukie End yairof, that Monsiure *de Croc*, the King of *France*
Ambassadour, ane Man verray weil affectionit to ye Quene,
ane of the Factioun of the Hous of *Guise*, and sojorning
verray neir to the Place, thocht he wer ernistlie requyrit,
zit thocht he culd not with his Honour be present at the
Feist.

THIR Thingis wer done about the XV. of *May*, in the
Zeir 1567. The XV. Day of *June* following, *Bothwell*
being outhet dismayit with gyltie Conscience of the vyle
Fact, or send away be the Quene, scho come himself to
the Lordis of the Realme, quha ernistly requyrit the pub-
lict King-murtherer to be brocht furth to dew Executi-
oun. Quhat hes syne bene done, pertenis not mekle to
this present Mater, and thocht my Speich haue perhappis
bene langer than ze lukit for, zit I planely persais in my
self, that quhill I seik to mak end of my Taill, mony Thingis
I haue omittit, and mony Thingis for Haist I haue bot
lichtlie tuichit, and nathing haue I according to the Hay-
nousnes of the Offence fully expressit.

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Oratioun, with Declaratioun of Evidence aganis *Marie Quene of Scottis*, quhairin is, be necessarie Argumentis, planely pruiſit, that ſcho was gyltie and preuie of the ſaid Murther.

SEN thir Thingis ar be Wrytingis and Witneſſis ſa prouabill, and ſtick ſa faſt imprentit in ye Knowledge of all hir Pepill, that ſic as wald maiſt haif yame hiddin, zit cannot deny yame, quhat Place is heir left for Cunning, or quhat Neid can be of Diligence to preiſ or repreiſ ane Thing ſa plane and euidēt? For all Thingis ar ſa cleir, ſa maniſeſt, and ſa mutually knit togidder, ilk Part to ſtrenthin uther, that thair is na Neid of forane Probatiounis, and all Thingis ſa fully witneſſit, yat thair is na Neceſſitie of uther Argumentis; for gif ony will ask me, as in uther Materis is wont to be aſkit, the Cauſes of ſa foull ane Fact, I micht alſwa lykewiſe ask of him, ſen the Tyme, the Place, the Deid and the Authoris is ſufficiently knawin, to quhat Purpois is it to ſtand upon ſeiking the Cauſis, or to inquire be quhat Meanis it was atcheuit? Agane, quhen thair be extant ſa mony Cauſis of Haitrent, and ſa mony Takinis thairof
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do offer thamefelfis to Knowlege, as may weill be abill to bring euin Thingis uncertane to be beleuit, surely fa far fetchit ane Explicatioun of the Act committit, may richt weill seme superfluous: Not the les, for als mekle as fa greit is the Impudence of the vyle Offenderis, in deny- ing, and fa confident the Baldnes of impudent Persones in leing, let us assay to se with quhat Wappinnis Treuth is abill to defend Innocencie aganis thay wickit Monfteris. Gif than thay demand ye Caus of fa haynous ane Deid, I answer, it was unappeifabill Haitrent. I demand of thame agane, gif thay can deny that sic Haitrent was, or that the same Haitrent was fa greit, as without Blude culd not be satisfyit? Gif thay deny that sic Haitrent was, then let thame answer me, quhy scho ane zoung Woman, riche, nobill, and finallie ane Quene, schot away from hir, in Maner into Exyle, the zoung Gentilman, beuti- full, neir of hir Kyn, of the Blude Royall, and (that maist is) inteirly luifing hir, in Deip of schairp Wynter, into Places nouthar frutefull of Thingis necessarie, nor reple- nischit with Inhabitantis, and commounly perrillous with Hant of Theifis? Quhy fend scho him away into deseirt and barrane craiggy Montanis, without Prouisioun, into oppin Perrellis, and in Maner without ony Company? Quhat wald scho ellis haue done, gif scho had maist deid- ly haitit him, and couetit to haue him dispatchit? Bot

I trow scho feirit na sic Thing. Bot that Voydenes of Feir I construe to be ane Note of maist obstinat Hait-rent, specially sen scho baith knew the Places, and was not ignorant of the Dangeris. That Husband thairfoir to quhome scho was bot laitlie weddit, aganis the Lyking of hir Subjectis, aganis the Will of the Freindis on baith Sydes, without quhome scho culd not indure; quhom scho scarcely durst suffer out of hir Sicht, him, I say, scho thrustis furth to uncertane Deith, and maist certane Perrellis.

WILL ze ask of me the Causes of the Change of hir Affectioun? quhat gif I say I ken thame not? It sufficis for my Purpois, to preif that scho haitit him. Quhat gif I ask agane; quhy scho sa extremely luifit the zoung Man quhome scho neuer saw befoir? Quhy scho sa haistely maryit him, and sa unmeasurabilly honourit him? Sic ar the Natures of sum Wemen, specially sic as cannot bruke the Greitnes of thair awin gude Fortoun; thay haue vehement Affectiounis baith Wayis, thay lufe with Exces, and hait without Measure; and to quhat Syde sa euer thay bend, thay ar not gournit be aduifit Resson, bot carryit be violent Motioun. I culd, out of the Monumentis of Antiquitie, reheirs innumerabil Exempillis, bot of hir self I had ratherest beleif hirself.

CALL

CALL to mynde that Part of hir Letteris to *Bothwell*, quhairin scho makis hirself *Medea*, yat is, ane Woman that nouthir in Lufe nor in Haitrent can keip ony Meane. I culd als wa allege uther Causes of hir Haitrent, althocht indeid not reffonabill Causis, zit sic as ar abill to schaw fordwart, and to pusche heidlang ane Hart for Outrage not abill to governe it self: Bot heirin I wil forbeir. And gif hirself wil suffer me, howsaeuer scho hes deseruit of hir Subjectis, zit sa mekle as the commoun Caus will permit, I will spair hir Honour, zea, I will spair it mair then the Caus will allow me. I omit thairfoir hir uther Causes of Haitrent, and returne to this, that scho haitit, and not meanely haitit him.

WILL ze se als wa ane uther Prufe of hir Haitrent? The tender Wyfe, forsuith, sa louing and fond of him, quhen scho culd not do him the Dewtie of ane Wyfe, offeris to do him the Seruice of ane Baude. Hir awin Brotheris Wyfe scho maid Choise of, to put to him in hir Place. Quhat fall we think to be the Caus of this sa suddane Change? Scho that sumtymes gapingly socht for euerie small Braith of Suspicioun aganis hir Husband, and quhair trew Causes wer not to be found, scho inventit sic as wer manifestly fals, and yis scho curiously did, not quhen scho luifit him, bot quhen scho had begune to hait him; and quhill scho was fisching for Occasiounis to be

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diuorcit from him, euin scho, I say, now of hir awin Accord offeris him ane Luifer, declairis hir awin Contentatioun thairwith, and promyfis hir Furtherance. Quhat can we imagine to be the Caus heirof? Was it to pleis hir Husband? No, for scho haitit him, and althocht scho lufit him, zit sic Maner of doing in ane Woman is uncredibill. Was it, that he knawing himself lykewyse gyltie of Adulterie on his Part, micht the mair willingly beir with ane Partner in Use of his Wyfe? No, for he bure withall perforce aganis his Will. Was it to find Caus of Diuorce, and sa to driue him to leif his Bed emptie for *Bothwell*? Zea, that was it indeid yat scho focht for, but zit not that alone: For in this Woman ze mon imagine na singill Mischeif. Scho haitit the Erle of *Murrayis* Wyfe, euin with sic Haitrent as all unhonest Persones hait the honest. The Difference of thair twa Fames mekle vexit hir, and thairwithall alswa scho covetit to set the gude Ladyis Husband and the King togidder be ye Eiris, and sa red hirself of twa Cumbrances at anis. Thus se ze how mony and how greit Thingis scho practisit to dispatche with ane Laubour. Hir Paramouris Enemie, the Brydiller of hir Licentiousnes, and hir awin haitit Husband, scho hopis to red all at anis, quhill, be sa findrie Sortis of wickit Doingis, scho makis Haist to hir maist wickit Wedding.

QUHAIRTO tendit that feirfull haistie calling for the
 Erle of *Murray* at Midnight? Culd scho not tary till Day-
 licht? Quhat was the Occasioun of sa suddane Feir? The
 gude Woman, God wait, cairfull for Concord of ye Nobi-
 litie, deirly lusing hir Brother, and maist deirly lusing hir
 Husband, was affrayit, forsuith, leist hir Brother suld in
 the Nicht haue bene assaltit be the King, quhome scho hir-
 self had disarmit: Disarmit, said I? Zea, scho had disfur-
 nischit him of all conuenient Company for his Estate, and
 maid him be schakin up with Wemenis Scalding, and that
 be ane of hir awin Trane, ane past all Schame, and of pro-
 stitute Unchastitie. Scho feirit, perdie, leist the zoung
 Man, destitute of all Freindis, beset with all Sortis of Mi-
 sereis, suld mak Assault in the Nicht-tyme. Upon quhat
 Persoun? The Quenis Brother, ane Man of ane greit Re-
 putatioun and Power, and in hiest Favour with all Estatis.
 And quhair suld he have assaillit him? In ane maist strang
 Castell, quhairupon, the Deid done, nouthar was Ischie for
 him to fle, nor Meane of Refuge to the Quenis Mercy.
 For quhat Caus suld he assaill him? Thair was na Enimitie
 betwene thame, bot sic as scho had sawin. Quhat say ze,
 gif scho couetit that Thing maist quhilk scho maist fen-
 zeit hirself to feir? For, to quhat Purpois ellis send scho
 for hir Brother to cum to hir in ye Nicht-tyme unarmit?
 Quhy did scho not aduyse him of yis ane Thing at leist,
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yat becaus he was to pas by, and hard by the Kingis Dure, he fuld in ony wyse put on his Armour? Quhy did scho not outhir foirwarne him of the Danger, or differ the calling of him till the nixt Morning? Na, na, scho had ane far uther Purpois in Hand. Scho had bot newly fend the King away inflamit (as scho hopit) with Haitrent of the Erle of *Murray*. Sa thocht scho it not unlikely but that the King, kendillit with fresche Displeasure, rasche be Fervor of Zouth, lichtly beleuing hir be Excesse of Lufe, wald haue aduenterit to slay his supposit Enemie, nakit, unacompanyit, and unarmit. Sa fend scho the King raging in Anger to commit ye Slauchter, and practise to draw the Erle of *Murray* nakit, unacompanyit, unwarnit, to be suddanely trappit in Treffoun. This was hir Mening, yis was hir Desyre. Bot wickit Counfellis, how subtill sa euer thay be, ar not alway prosperous.

QUHAT menit this, That, efter hir Delyuerance of Chylde, at quhilk Tyme uther Wemen do chiefly comfort thameselfis in the Lovingis of thair Husbandis, and confes yat thay find sum Eis of Pane be Sicht of yame, scho at ye same Time dryves hir Husband away? Quhat ellis fall we say scho menit thairby, bot, as the Poet sayis, *for pure Lufe, God wait, scho schute him out of Dures?* Bot this tender Creature, that outhir schutes out hir Husband, or als sone as he is cum chasis him away

agane, quhais Stomach turnit at ye Sicht of him, quha is fuddanely takin with Pangis at his Presence. Quhen scho was in the Schip amang Pyrates and Theifis, scho culd abyde at the Pompe, and joyit to handill ye boyfterous Cabilis. Now ask I, quhome scho lusit, and quhome scho haitit? For that at *Aloe*, scho drew away the cummersum Interrupter of hir Pastyme; that agane, quhen he come to hir to *Edinburgh*, scho rejectit him, I blame hir not. I am content to beleif scho did it not for Hait to hir Husband, bot for hir Fantaseis saik. That agane at *Jedburgh* scho sufferit him not to cum at hir, let it be borne withall; for not without Caus scho feirit, leif the Force of hir Seiknes wald increas at Sicht of him, quhais Deith scho sa earnestly desyrit. That scho gaif speciall Commandement that na Man suld ludge him, na Man suld releif him with Meit or Drink, yat scho in Maner forbad him the Use of Fyre and Watter: This is undoutitly ane Takin of outrageous Haitrent; bot it semis scho feirit the verray Infectioun of hir Husband, gif he wer in ony Place neir hir. That scho send him back from *Craigmillar* to *Striviling*, I complane not, bot yat scho bereft him of all his Necessaries, that scho take from him his Seruandis, that scho abatit the Allowance for his Expensis, that scho alienit the Nobilitie from him, that scho forbad Strangeris the Sicht of him, and (als mekle as in hir lay) take from

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him, euin quhill he leuit, the Use of Heuin, Eirth and Air : This, I say, I dout what to call it, Unnaturalnes, Haitrent, barbarous Feirnes, or outrageous Crueltie? That quhen he went from *Striuling*, scho tuke away all his Plate, let it be pardonit, for quhat Neid had he of Silver, that caryit with him present Deith in his Bosome? Bot this I beseik zow considder, how greit Indignatioun of all Men it hes kendillit, that quhen the King, pure Saull, hardly schiftit with Lyfe in Desolatioun, in Sorrow, and in Beggerie, in the meane tyme, *Bothwell*, as an Ape in Purple, was triumphantly schawin to the Ambassadouris of forane Natiounis; euin that same Partener of hir Husbandis Bed, not sa mekle for Lufe of himself, as for Despite of hir Husband, was caryit Abrode, set out with all Kyn-des of Ornamentis, euin that adulterous Partner, I say, that nouthier in Byrth, nor in Bewtie, nor in ony honest Qualitie, was in ony wyfe comparabill with hir disdanit Husband. Now let yame deny that heir wer Takinis of Haitrent.

Bot how greit, and how unappeisabill this Haitrent was, euin be this ze may gadder. Hir Husband sa oft schute out, sa oft send away with Despyte, dreuin to extreme Povertie, banischit into ane desolate Corner, far from the Court, far from Presence of Men, spuilzeit of his Seruandis, and Furniture of Houshald, bereft, in ane Ma-
ner,

ner, of his daylie necessarie Sustenance, zit be na Injureis can be schaikin from hir, be na Feir of Deith can be withdrawin; bot with Seruiceabilnes and Patience he assayis, gif not to ouercum, zit at leist sumthing to asswage the violent Crueltie of hir unkynd Cariage. In the meane tyme, quhat dois this gude gentill Wyfe, this mercyfull Quene, that is, at behalding of Mennis Misereis, sa kynde and pietifull? Nouthar is scho anis musit with the louing Doingis, nor with the wretchit Plicht, nor with the miserabill Wofulnes of hir Husband, nor appeisit be Tyme, nor satisfyit with Tormentis, bot rather with his Serviceabilnes scho is irritatit, with his humbil Prayeris scho is mair inflamit, and at everie Tyme of his Cumming, scho deuyfis sum new Incres of spiteful Humour: Quhairin quhen scho had spent ye uttermaist of all hir Force, of Wit and Bitternes of Nature, quhen scho saw the pure zounge Gentilman, nouthar to give ouer be fainting, being oppressit with Povertie, and thocht he wer dispylit of all Men, and sa oft cast into oppin Perrellis, nouthar to dispair, nor utherwyfe mair cruelly to misdo himself; at lenth, as it wer, gluttit with Sicht of his Misereis and Tormentis, scho determinit presently to red him of his Calamiteis, hirself of Irksomnes, and her Adulterer from Feir, and sa be certane speciall Persones thairto appointit, scho causit him to be poysonit, that being absent from hir,

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he micht sa die with les Suspicioun. Bot of the Poyfoun
I will say mair in ane uther Place.

QUHEN this Practise framit not fully to hir Desyre,
scho gais hirself to *Glasgow*, that quhome, being absent,
scho culd not flay, scho micht hirself, in Presence, satisfe
baith hir cruell Hart and hir Eyis with Sicht of his pre-
sent Misereis. And as gif hirself alone wer not sufficient
to execute the cruell tormenting of him, scho bringis in-
to his Sicht the Ministeris of hir haynous Doingis, and
his ancient naturall Enemeis, and with thir Outrages tra-
uellit to vex his Saule at his last Braith. Bot quhairto
gadder we Argumentis as in a doutfull Cace, quhen scho
hirself will not suffer us to dout at all? Scho, the Quene
hirself, I say, oppinly protestit, not to hir Luifer in Bed,
not amang hir Confederatis in secreit Chalmer, not befoir
few and meane Persones of Estate, apt to Flatterie, con-
stranit be Pouertie, or of Purpois affectionit: Scho hirself,
I say, oppinlie confessit, that scho culd not liue ane gude
Day, gif scho wer not red of the King; and that not
anis, nor unadvysitly, bot in Presence of yai Personages
quhome scho usit to call to Counsell in the wechtiest Af-
fairis. For it cannot be said unadvysitly slippit from hir,
that was sa oft spokin, in sa mony, sa far distant Places,
with Teiris alswa addit to muse Credite, befoir Men no-
tabill, baith for thair Nobilitie, Welth and Wisdome, and
quhairin

quhairin scho declairit hir awin Opinioun, practisit to win thair Assent, and harkinnit for thair Aduyfis. Bot, be it that scho forgeit all thir Thingis; be it that hir Teiris wer fenzeit, let thame not beleif it yat hard it, let the Greitnes of the Outrage mak the Report uncredibill. I my self alswa wald glaidly be ane of yat Number, to think thir Thingis utterit be hir rather to graip the Myndes of uther, then that scho hirselfe sa thocht in hir Hart, gif it wer not sa, that the Thing itself confirmis the Report, that the Outragiounes of ye Doingis far surmountis all Bitternes of Utterance.

QUHEN he was preparing to depart from *Glasgow*, scho causit Poyfoun to be geuin him. Ze will ask, be quhome? inquhat Maner? quhat Kynd of Poyfoun? quhair had scho it? Ask ze thir Questiounis? as thocht wickit Princis euer wantit Ministeris of yair wickit Trechereis. Bot still ze pres me perhappis, and still ze ask me, quha be thir Ministeris? First, that he was poysonit, it is certanely knawin: For thocht the Schamelesnes of Men wald not stick to deny a Thing sa manifest, zit the Kynde of Diseis, strange, unknowin to the Pepill, unacquaintit to Phisitiones, specially sic as had not bene in *Italie* and *Spanze*, blak Pimples breking out ouer all his Body, greuous Zuik in all his Lymmis, and intollerabill Stinch disclois it. Gif this Caus wer to be pleidit befoir graue *Ca-*

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to the Cenſor, all this wer eſie for us to preif befoir him that was perſwadit, that yair is na Adultereris, bot the ſame is alſwa ane Poyſoner. Neid we ſeik for ane mair ſubſtanciall Witnes then *Cato*, everie of quhais Sentences Antiquitie eſtemit as ſa mony Oracles? Sall we not in ane maniſeſt Thing beleif him, quhais Credite has, in Thingis doutfull, ſa oft preuailit? Lo, heir ane Man of ſingular Uprichtnes, and of maiſt notabill Fatihfulnes and Credite, beiris Witnes aganis ane Woman burning in Haitrent of hir Husband, and in Luſe of ane Adulterer, and in baith thir Diſeſis of corrupt Affeſtiounis unbrydil- lit, untemperabilly be hir Eſtayit, raging be hir Power, and indulgently following the Wantounnes of hir Welth. Bot let us omit auld and diſuſit Thingis, and let us ſeuer the Credite of inconstant Multitude, from the Cace of Princes. Let us in ſa greit ane Mater, admit na Witnes, in quhome outhir his Eſtate may be ſuſpectit, or his Manneris may be blamit. Quhat Witneſſis then ſall we uſe? For be this Condition we may bring furth nane under ye royall Degre of ane King, or ane Quene. Bot ſic vyle Actis ar not wont to be committit be nobill and gude Men, bot be leud and wickit Miniſteris. Howbeit, that heirin alſwa the maiſt precise may be ſatisfyit, ga to; let us bring furth ane Royall Witnes. Reid hir awin Letter, hir Letter (I ſay) writtin with hir awin Hand.

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Quhat meane thir Wordis? *He is not mekle deformit, and zit he hes reffaut mekle.* Quhairof baith he reffaut mekle? The Thing itself, the Diseis, the Pimples, the Saviour do tell zou. Euin that, perdy, he reffaut, that brocht Deformitie, forsuith verray Poyfoun. Bot hir Letteris name not Poyfoun. This is sufficient for me that is thair said, that thocht he reffaut mekle, he is not mekle deformit, or thocht he be not mekle deformit, zit he reffaut mekle. Quhat menis this Word *zit*? Quhat ellis bot this, that quhatfaeuer it was that he reffaut, the same was the Caus of his Deformitie, quhilk, thocht it wer mekle, zit was it not mekle aneuch to wirk sic Deformitie as was desyrit. Bot be it, it wer not Poyfoun. Quhat then was it ellis? Ze can find nathing that can with Convenience of Ressoun, be namit in Place of it. Finally, quhatfaeuer it be that is menit be this Word *mekle*, it is sic as scho himself, in sa secreit and familiar ane Letter, dar not cal be the richt Name. Zea, and thocht we wald schift it of be cauillous Exponing, zit scho himself will not suffer us. Compar that quhilk zeid befor with that quhilk followit, and be hir Deuyse and Purpois for Tyme to cum, ze fall esily understand, quhat it is that scho hes done in Tyme past. First scho sayis, it is neidfull that he be purgit, then scho determinit to cary him to *Cragmillar*, quhair baith the Phisitionis, and (quhilk is mair dangerous

gerous then ony Phisitoun) scho himself may be present. Finally, scho askis Counsell of *Bothwell*, quhidder he can deuyse ony secreiter Way be Medicine, and that at *Craigmillar*, and efter ane Bath. Se how all Thingis hang togidder. *He hes ressaunit mekle, he mon be purgit, and at Craigmillar, that is, in ane desolate Corner, in ane Place, be ressaunit of small Resort, verray apt for ane Mischeif to be committit. And Medicine he mon use, and quhat forsuith? Euin the same quhairof he had befor ressaunit mekle. How fall that appeir? Scho will haue the Maner of ministring ye Medicine to be secreteit. Gif it be to hail him, quhat neid that Secrecie? Quhy is it not ministerit oppinly and in ane notorious peoplit Place? Now he is esit of his Seiknes, lusty and healthie, quhy is he purgeit in ane unusual Maner, and ane unhantit Corner? Bot perhappis it was ane strange Kynde of Diseis, it had neid of strange Remeidis. Quhat Phisitounis then callit scho to Counsell? To quhome is yis Charge committit to seik out ane new Medicine and Curing for the King? Forsuith to the Kingis Enemie, to the Quenis Adulterer, the vylest of all twa-futit Beistis, quhais Hous was in *France* defamit of poysoning, and quhais Servandis wer thair, for the same Caus, sum torturit, sum imprisonit, and all suspectit. Quhen was he appointit to resaif this nobill Medicine? Outher at his Bathing, quhair he fuld wasche a-*

lone, or efter his Bathing, quhair he fuld suppe alone. Sa, forsuith, ar Medicines accustomit to be prouydit be Enemeis in secreit Place, without Witneffis. That thairfoir quhilk ane Adulterer, ane Adulteresse, and the Partener of his Wyfis Body, curiously prepairis, and secreitly ministeris : Quhat Kynde of Medicine it is, let ilk Man with himself wey and confidder. Be yis Tyme, I suppois, ze se the Haitrent of the Quene, how unappeisabill, how outragiously cruell, how obstinate it was aganis hir Husband, quhome scho thrust amang Theifis, quhome scho practisit to matche in Feude and Battell with the Nobilitie, and with hir Brethrene, quhome nakit and pure, ladin with Despites, vexit with Raillings, assaillit with Poyfoun, scho drew away into a solitarie Corner, thair to die with extremest Torment. Now let us proceid to the uther Causes.

THIS Haitrent itself, was of itself sufficient to prik hir fordwart to hir Enemeis Slauchter, oftin socht, anis attemptit, and almaist atcheuit. Zit was thair besydis, ane stranger Inforcement, abill to inflame hir Haitrent itself, I mene the Lufe quhairwith scho intemperately fan- tiseit *Bothwell*: Quhilk Lufe quha sa euer saw not, and zit hes sene him, will perhappis think it uncredibill. For quhat was thair in him, yat was of ane Woman of ony honest Countenance to be desyrit? Was thair ony Gift of Elo-

Eloquence, or Grace of Bewtie, or Vertew of Mynd, garnischit with the Benefites quhilk we call of Fortoun? As for his Eloquence and Bewtie, we neid not mak lang Taill of thame, sen baith thay that haue sene him can weil remember his Countenance, his Gate, and the haill Forme of his Body, how gay it was: Thay that haue hard him, ar not ignorant of his rude Utterance and Blockischnes. Bot ze will say, he was, in executing Attemptis, wyse and politick; in auenturing of Perrillis, hardy and valzeand; in frank Geving, liberal; in Use of Plesures, temperant. For Wisdome, euin yai yat be maist affectionate unto him dar not charge him with it. Of Valzeandnes indeid he laubourit to win sum Estimatioun, bot amang Horsmen, on ane swift Steid weill mountit, weill provydit for his awin Saiftie, and Behalder of uther Mennis Fechting, sum tyme hardly chaising thame that fled, bot his Enemeis Face towart him neir hand he never durst abyde. Will ze haue ane Exempill of his excellent Valzeandnes? Of a Theif, ane notabill Cowart, quhome, being zeildit and unwar, he had deidly woundit, he was castin downe to the Ground, hurt, birsit with dry Strakis, and had bene then flane, gif the pure Theifis Strenth, being reddy to die, had not faillit him. I culd reheirs his glorious vane Braggeries in *France*, I culd tell of his feirfull Flicht as far as to *Denmark*: Bot I had ratherest rub up the Remembrance
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of that Day, quhen the Quene forsaking him, come to the Nobilitie that protestit to revenge the Slauchter of the King. The Armeis stude reddy in Array, *Bothwell* in Number of Men was equall, in Place had the Advantage: Thair stude befor him to be his Rewaird being Vanquischer, ane Quene maist fantasifully lusing him, ane Kingdome, Welth and Honour for him and his Posteritie; mair over Impunitie for his Offensis passit, extreme Libertie to do quhat he list in Tyme to cum, Abilitie to avance his Freindis, and be revengeit on his Enemeis: And on the uther Syde, gif he wer vanquischit, Dishonour, Povertie and Banischment. Finally, all Thingis yat thair-
 efter happinnit, or heirefter may happin, wer then befor his Eyis. Thair wer also present, besyde the twa Armeis, Behalderis and Witneffis of ilk Mannis Valzeandnes and Cowardnes, the Quene, the Price of the Battell, and Monsiure *de Croc* the Ambassadour of *France*. Now, ze luke to heir how this magnificall Boister of Valzeandnes did acqyte himself. First, mountit upon ane excellent Hors, he come bravely furth befor ye Armie; thair the Man, forsuith, verray spairing of his Countrimennis Blude, and lauisch of his awin, callis for ane to try it with him be Combat Man to Man. And quhen thair wer mony on the uther Syde of honorabill Birth and Estatis that offer-
 it to accept the Combat, incontinent his violent Heit cuil-
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lit, and his glorious Speiche quaylit: And had it not bene that the Quene, as it wer sum God out of ane Ginne in ane Tragedie, had be hir Authoritie takin up the Mater, and forbiddin hir prettie venerous Pigeoun to do Battel, he had faillit to find not only ane Meane, bot als wa ane honest Collour to refuse to fecht. And sa the Combat interruptit. Zit in the joynit Battell he valzeandly behauit him. Forsuith, the first Man almaist at the Beginning, and alone he ran his Way, and sa at lenth drew the rest of his Part to fle efter him.

BOT his Defaultis in martiall Featis, perhappis ye Man suppleit with civile Vertewis. Allace, quhat wer thay? or quhat Vertewis culd be lukit for in him, ane Man, perdy, brocht up in ye Bischop of *Murrayis* Palice, to wit, ane maist wickit corrupt Hous, in Drunkinnes and Huredome, amang maist vyle Ministeris of desolute Misfordour? Efter that he was growin towart Mannis Estait, at Dice and amang Harlotis he sa waistit ane maist gudely large Revenue of his Inheritance, that (as the Poet sayis) at his Neid he had not left quhairwith to *by him ane Halter to hang himself*. He, I say, that defylit not only uther Menis Housis with Cuckaldrie, bot als wa his awin with incestuous Villanie.

THIS Man thairfoir, quhen I say to haue bene belouit of the Quene, and not only lufit, bot also outragiously and
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untemperately lufit, thay that knaw it not, will, peradventure, think that I tell monstrous Wonderis. Bot sum Man perhappis will fay, was thair nane vther in all the Troupe of the Zouth of Nobilitie befide him, mair worthie to be belufit? Certes thair wer full mony. And ane thair was in all Thingis that ar wont to allure Lufe, of all uther maift excellent, euin hir awin Husband. Quhat was it then that joynit fa unegall Lufe, and fa far aganis Reffoun? Gif I fall fay, it was Lykenes of Conditounis, I fall name ane lykelie Caus of Lufe, thocht to sum Men perchance it fall feme ane untrew Caus of thair Lufe. Nouthar am I willing to enter into that Difcourfe; nouthar do I affirme the Rumouris fpred of hir in *France* in Tyme of hir firft Mariage: Howbeit, the Wickitnes of the reft of hir Lyfe, mak sum Prufe yat thay rais not all of nathing. And mony Thingis yat haue bene noyfit of hir fen hir Returne into *Scotland*, I haue na Luft to beleif. As for me, I am content thay be buryit in Forzetfulnes; or gif that cannot be, let thame be difcreditit, let thame be takin for fals and fenzeit. Nouthar alfo is it neceffarie ouer curioufly to examine Causis in Lufe; quhilk is ufually fa caryit with rafche violent Motioun of ane muddie troubillit Mynde, that for the maift Part it endis in Madnes, quhilk gif ze laubour to gouerne be discreit Aduife, ze do nathing ellis, bot as gif ze fuld endeuour to be mad with Reffoun.

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BOT zit heir also thair want na Causis, for thair was in thame baith ane Lykenes, gif not of Bewtie, gif not of outward Thingis, gif not of Vertewis, zit of maist extreme Vices. Scho ane zoung Woman suddanely aduancit to the hiest Degre of Authoritie, quhen scho had neuer sene with hir Eyis, hard with hir Eiris, nor considerit in hir Hart ye Forme of ane Kingdome gouernit be Law; and thairto was furnischt with the untemperate Counselis of hir Kinnismen, quha thameselfis practisit to set up ane tyrannous Reule in *France*, indeuourit to draw richt Equitie, Lawis and Customes of Ancesteris to hir awin only Beck and Plesure.

OF this immoderate Desyre thair brist out from hir mony tymes mony Wordes discloising it. This scho studyit Day and Nicht. Bot aganis this Desyre thair withstude the Custome of the Countrie, the Lawes and Statutis, and principally the Consent of the Nobilitie, quha remaning saif scho culd never attene it. To the end thairfoir, that scho micht be abill violentlie to atcheue it, scho determinit be Force to remuse all that stude in hir Way; bot scho wist not weill be quhat Meane, or be quhais Help to attempt it.

FRAUDE was the Way to wirk it, for yat utherwise it was not possibill to be obtenit. For this Purpois thairfoir, *Bothwell* onely semit the fittest Man, a Man in ex-

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treme Pouertie, doutfull quhidder he wer mair vyle, or mair wickit, and quha, betwene Factiounis of findrie Religiounis, despyfing baith Sydis, counterfuitit ane Lufe of thame baith. He, quhen he had anis befoir offerit the *Hammiltounis* his Seruice to murther the Erle of *Murray*, gaif thairby ane Likelyheid, that, upon Hope of greiter Gayne, he wald not sticke to aduenture sum greiter Interprife, being ane quhome the Ruyne of his awin decayit Familie prickit fordwart heidlang to Mischeif, and quhome na Respect of Godlynes or Honestie restranit from ungracious Doing. As for excessive and immoderate Use of Licherie, he thairin na les socht to be famous then uther Men do schunne Dishonour and Infamie. Scho thairfoir, ane Woman gredily coueting untemperit Authoritie, quha esteemit the Lawes hir Prisoun, and the Brydill of Justice hir Bondage, quhen scho saw in hir Husband not Mettell aneuch to troubill the Estait, scho pykit out ane Man for hir Purpois, quha nouthar had in his Welth ony Thing left to be loist, nor in his Fame ony Thing remaning that micht be staynit, and zit sic a ane as stude not upon ony sic Strenth, bot that he micht esilie be ouerthrawin agane quhen scho fuld anis waxe werie of him: Sic a ane as scho micht esilie snair his Incontinence with wantoun Allurements, satisfie his Neid with Money, and bind his Assuritnes unto hir with gyltie Conscience confederatit in Mischeifis.

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Thir be the Fountanes of that same not unmeasurabill bot
 mad Lufe, infamous Adulterie, and vyle Parricide, quhair-
 with, as with ane Pledge, that bludie Mariage was plich-
 tit. Thir thairfoir wer the Causis of interprysing that
 haynous Act, to wit, unappeisabill Haitrent of hir Huf-
 band, and untemperabill Lufe of hir Adulterer. Thair
 was mairouer ane Hope, that the Cryme micht be deuer-
 tit from thame to uther, and ye Executioun of it micht
 be laid upon the pure Liues of thair Enemeis, and that
 Men maist gyltles of the Fault micht be thrust in thair
 Place, as Sacrifices to appeis the Pepilis Displeasure. Gif
 not, quhairto then seruit that Battell almaist begune to be
 fochin betwene the King and Lord *Robert* hir Brother?
 Quhairto tendit thay Seidis of Discord scatterit betwene
 the King and the Nobilitie? Quhairto reichit that curious
 Intreitie to stay the Erle of *Murray* with hir the Day be-
 foir the Murther was committit? Or, quhat Caus was
 thair to send for him? Thair was ane Ambassadour cum
 out of *Sauoy*: For quhat Caus? Surely it behuifit to be
 ane greit Caus, and sic as culd not be endit without As-
 femblye of the Nobilitie. No, God wait. The Ambassa-
 dour of *Savoy* being biddin to lait to the Baptisme, come
 quhen all was endit, not for ane Ambassadour to the Bap-
 tisme, bot as ane send to excuse the Neglecting of doing
 that Kyndnes, quhen baith he lyked not to send sa far for

sa small a Mater, and he was sumthing aschamit to haue fail-
lit in Presence, quhen the *Frenchmen* and *Inglismen* had
alreddy done it. For the mair honorabill dismissing of
him, ye Erle of *Murray* was fend for, and that with
findrie Messengeris, to cum from his Wyfe that lay de-
ing.

QUHAT Neid was thair then of his Presence? To draw
him to be ane Partner in Conspiracie of the Slauchter?
Quhy was it neuer attemptit befoir? Thocht thay it best,
then at the last Point, at the verray Instant quhen the Mur-
ther fuld be committit, to joyne him to thair Fellowship,
as ane licht Man, inconstant, and schifting his Purposis at
euerie Moment of Tyme, infamous in his former Lyfe, and
not weil assurit in his present State? Na, thair is nane of
thir Thingis that thay zit dar say of him. Sen then thay
can not imagine ane fals Caus to stay him, quhat was the
trew Caus indeid, ilk Man may eslie gadder. Euin ye
same yat causit first the Erle of *Atbol*, and efterwartis
him to depart from the Court, the same that sa oft brocht
him in Danger of Deith, the same that had sclanderit
him with fals Rumouris scatterit in *Ingland*, ye same that
persecutit him with infamous Lybellis of the Murthereris
thameselfis, the same that maid him to chuse rather to ga
into Banischment, then to remane in Court amang Ruffi-
anis Wappinnis with greit Perrell of his Lyfe.

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Bot quhat auailis this Equitie of the Caus befor Heir-
 eris, outhir utterly ignorant of the Mater, how it was
 done, or of thamefelfis disfaouring this Part, and inuyous,
 or apt to be caryit away with fenzeit Rumouris, quhilk
 esteeme the Sclanderis of maist lewd slicht Personis, for
 sad Testimoneis, and give Credite to thir Men, quha boi-
 sting at Hame that thay ar abill to do quhat yai list, zit
 nouthir dar commit thair Caus to the Sentence of the
 Judges, nor wer abill to defend thamefelfis in Battell?
 And as be gyltie Conscience of Offencis thay feirit Judge-
 ment, sa be Rage growin of thair Gyltines thay ryn heid-
 lang to Battell, and from Battell ryn cowardly away: And
 now agane, quhen standing upon the Aduantage that thay
 haue baith in Number and Welth, thay scorne the Wis-
 dome of thair Aduersareis, and despyse thair Power in
 Comparisoun of thair awin, zit distrusting to preuail be-
 trew Manheid, thay fall to Rubberie, and turne thair un-
 gracious Mynde, tormentit with inwart Terrouris of gyltie
 Conscience, to Scandering, Cauilling and Lesing, quhome
 zit, for the gude Will that I beir to my Countrimen, I
 wald aduise to ceis from this Foly, or Fury, or Diseis of
 Euill-speiking, leist in Tyme to cum, quhen Treuth fall
 schyne out, thay schute up, and stop with Haitrent of thame,
 thay Persones Eiris to yair Petitiounis, quhome now thay
 fill and laid with fals Rumouris, for thair wil not alway be
 Place

Place for Forgiveness: Bot as Darknes at the Sone Schyn-
ing, sa Leis, at the Licht of Treuth, vanische away.

As for the commodious Meanes for committing that
vyle Fact, and ye Hope of hyding it, I neid not to per-
few the Declairing of thame in mony Wordis, sen baith
the Esines to do it, the Opportunitieis of Places, and all
Aduancementis of Occasiounis and Seasounis wer in thair
awin Power. And to hyde the Fact, quhat neidit thay,
quhen thay feirit na Punishment gif it wer publischt?
For quhat Punishment culd yai feir in sa strang a Con-
spiracie? quhen baith the Force of Lawis, quhairof thame-
selfis wer Gouvernouris, was utterly extinguishit, and the
Myndes of maist Part of Men wer outhair snairit with
Partnerschip of the mischeuous Fact, or caryit with Hope,
or foirstallit with Rewairdis, or discouragit and brydillit
with Feir of sa greit ane Power on the uther Part. Bot
howsaever this be, zit fall it be gude to se throuchly baith
ye Order of the Doing, ye Unaduyfitnes, Inconstancie and
End of thair Deuyfis. For thairwithall fall ze persais that
thair wantit not Desyre to hyde the Fact, bot yat ye Furor
of ane distractit Mynde ouerthrew all the Ordour of yair
Counsellis, quhill sumtyme, as desyrous to begyle publick
Fame, thay indeuourit to keip clois thair intendit Mis-
cheif, zit thay delt thairin sa oppinly, as gif cairles of thair
Estimatioun, thay semit to mak small accompt how Men
judgeit

judgeit of thair Doingis. For the Poyfoun, at his preparing to go to *Glasgow*, was geuin him secreitlie, and thay thocht thay had sufficientlie weill prouydit, that he fuld, in his Absence from yame, be consumit with pyning Seiknes. Bot the rest of thair Deillingis towart him wer sa cruelly handillit, yat thocht his Diseis fuld haue happinnit to be naturall, zit it wald haue bene suspectit for poyfoming. For he, hir Husband, the Father of hir only and first-borne Chylde, the Father, I say, of that Sone, quha's Baptisme was solemnisit with sa greit Pompe and Glorie, being eschaipit away in Maner nakit, as it wer out of his Hous flammig in Fyre, tormentit be the Way with greuous Pane, quhen he lay at *Glasgow* of ane dangerous Seiknes, likely to die, quhat did his excellent gude Wyfe the quhyle? quhat did scho? At the first Newis of it, did scho haist to him in Poist? Dois scho, with hir Presence, with hir freindly familiar Speich, or with hir louing Countenance, comfort him in Seiknes? Quhen scho cannot stay him in Lyfe, cummis scho to ressaif his last Braith? Cloisis scho his Evis at his deing? Dois scho the uther kynd Dewteis of honest Matrones? No. Bot scho that had now leit him eschaip to go and die, and hopit that he culd not lynger out his unhappy Lyfe bot ane few Dayis langer, gettis hir ane clene contrarie Way, into ane uther Countrie, in Progres, and with hir fair

Adonis

Adonis scho visitis nobill Mennis Houfis, and staynis ye Houfis that herbreit thame, with the Spottis of thair Unchastiteis ; and just about the Tyme of hir Husbandis Deith (as scho gessit be the Strenth and Wirking of the Poyfoun) scho returnis to *Striviling*. Quhen ye Mater wrocht not sa fast as scho luikit for, and the Strenth of his Zouth had wrassillit with the Sairnes of the Pane, leist scho fuld seme to haue altogidder forsakin hir Dewtie, scho daylie prepairis to ga to *Glasgow*, bot neuer gais. At the last, disappointit of the Hope that scho had consauit in hir Hart, scho takis hir to uther Deuyfis.

Scho cummis to *Edinburgh*, and thair callis to Counsell, hir Adulterer, and a few uther preuie of thay Secreitis. Thair thay decre, that in ony wyse the King must be slane. Zit wer yai not fully aduyfit with quhat Kynde of Deith he fuld be murtherit, quhilk may eslie be gadderit be hir Letter, quhairin scho partly compairis hirself with *Medea*, ane bludie Woman, and a poysoning Witche ; als wa be ane uther of hir Letteris, quhairin scho askis Aduise about the poysoning him. The King, quha had alreddy taistit of hir lufely Cuppe, douting quhiddir he wer better ony mair to beleif hir flattering Speiches, or to feir the Schrewdnes of hir Nature, thocht sumtyme he dispairit not of hir Reconciliatioun, zit euer was sumthing mair feirfull and suspicious. Bot quhen he saw that nouther

ther his Lyfe nor his Deith wer in his Power, he was conſtraint in Silence to purſe up his paſſit Injureis, to diſſembil his preſent Feir, and to fenze himſelf ſum Hope for Tyme to cum. Sa was he led out, not as ane Huſband, bot caryit out as a Corſe, or rather drawin, as it wer, to the Schambilis. The Quene gloriously ſchawing hirſelf in pompous Maner, gais befoir in Tryumph ouer the zoung Gentilman, vexit with all Kynde of Injureis, tormentit with Poyſoun, intrappit with Treſſounis, and drawin to Executioun. Thair follow efter the tryumphand Cair, the ancient Enemeis to his Fatheris Hous, brocht thether for the nanis, that thay alſwa micht ſeid thair Eyis with that woful Spectakle, and quhais Deith at Hand thay luikit for, thay micht in the meane tyme tak Pleſure of the Sorrow of his Hart. And that na Cere- monie of ſolemne Sacrifices micht be wanting, *Johne Ham- miltoun*, Archibifchop of *Sanct androis*, was preſent as thair Preiſt, a Man befoir defylit with all Kynd of Wickitnes, pamperit with the Spuilzeis and Murtheris of his Countri- men, ane auld Conquerour of mony murthering Victoreis. The Pepill, all alang the Way lukiſg pietiouſly, ſchawit ane Foirtakin of na gude Luck to cum. The Quenes Companzeounis culd nouthir weill aneuch fenze thair Sad- nes, nor hyde thair Glaidnes, quhen the haynous Outrage

of the vyle Fact intendit, held thair unmeasurabill Joy in
sum Suspense, upon Expectatioun of the Succes.

THUS led thay him to *Edinburgh*, not into the Quenis
Palice. Quhy sa? Leist ye Infectioun of the pestilent
Diseis, forsuith, micht hurt hir zoung Sone: As thocht
thay that be poysonit, wer allwa to be eschewit for Feir
of Infectioun. Bot the trewer Caus was this, leist his
Presence fuld troubill thame, in interrupting thair fre in-
joying thair Plesures, and thair Consultatiounis about his
Murther. Quhidder then is he led? Into the maist de-
solate Part of the Towne, sumtyme inhabitit quhile the
Papische Preistis Kingdome lestit, bot for certane Zeiris
past, without ony Dwaller, in sic a Hous as of it self wald
haif fallin downe, gif it had not bene botched up for ye
Tyme, to serue ye Turne of yis Nichtis Sacrifice. Quhy
was this Place cheifly chosin? Thay pretend the Hel-
sumnes of Air. O gude God! going about to murther
hir Husband, seikis scho for ane helsum Air? To quhat
Use? Not to preserve his Lyfe, bot to reserue his Body
to Torment. Heirto tend hir wyfelie diligent Attendance,
and hir last Cair of hir Husbandis Lyfe. Scho feiris leist
he fuld, be preuenting Deith, be delyuerit from Pane,
scho wald fane have him feill himself die. Bot let us se
quhat Maner of Helsumnes of Air it is. Is it amang deid
Mennis Graues to seik the preseruing of Lyfe? For hard
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by yair wer the Rowmis of twa Kirkis: On the Eist-syde, ane Monasterie of *Dominike* Freiris: On the West, ane Kirk of our Lady, quhilk, for the Desolatenes of the Place, is callit, *Ye Kirk in the Feild*: On the South-syde, the Towne-wall, and in the same, for commodious Passage every Way, is ane posterne Dure: On ye North-syde ar ane few Beggeris Cotages, then reddy to fall, quhilk sum-time seruit for Stewis for certane Preistis and Monkis, the Name of quhilk Place dois planely disclois the Forme and Nature thair of; for it is commounly callit *the Theif Raw*. Thair is neuer ane uther Hous neir, bot the *Hammiltounis* Hous, quhilk is about ane Stanis Cast distant, and that also stude voyde. Thether remuifit the Archebischop of *Sanctandrois*, quha alway befoir was wont to be ludgeit in the maist populous Partis of the Towne. He also watchit all that Nicht that the King was slane.

Now I beseik zow, sen ze cannot with zour Eyis, zit at the leist with zour Myndes behald, ane Hous quhilum of auld Preistis, amang Graues, betwene the Ruynes of twa Tempillis, itself also ruynous, neir to the Theifis Hant, and itself ane Resetter of Theifis, not far from the Fort and Garrifoun of his Enemeis, that stude richt ouer aganis the Dure, be quhilk gif ony Man suld fle out, he could not eschaip thair traterous Ambuschment. The ver-

ray Schape of this Place, quhen ze considder in zour
 Mynd, quhen ze heir of the Ruynes of Kirkis, Graues
 of deid Men, lurking Corneris of Theifis, Bordelhousis of
 Harlotis, dois not, I say, not the Hous only, bot also eue-
 rie Part neir about it seme to proclame Mischeif and Tre-
 cherie? Semis heir ane King to have gane into a Hous
 for Ludgeing, or to be thrust into ane Den of Theifis?
 Was not that desolate Waistnes, that unhantit Place, abill
 of itself to put simpill Men in Feir, to mak wyser Men
 suspicious, and to giue nouchtie Men schrewit Occasionis?
 Quhat menit his Enemeis unwontit Repair into thay Par-
 tis, and watching all Nicht, in Maner, hard at his Gate?
 Quhy chuifit he now this Place for his Ludgeing, aganis
 his former Usage? The Hous, ze will say, was emptie,
 and his Brotheris Hous, and neir to the Kingis Ludgeing.
 It was emptie lang befoir, quhy ludgeit ze never thair be-
 foir? Quhy forsuik ze the populus Places in the Hart
 of ye Cietie, and Neirnes to the Court, and thrust zour
 self in ane desolate Corner? Quhat Profite, quhat Com-
 moditie, quhat Plesure heirin respectit zou? Was it zour
 Mening, that ze being ane yat euer had bene ane gredie
 Coveter of popular Fame, and Catcher of Courtieris with
 Baitis of gude Cheir, now wald of zour awin Accord go-
 hyde zoursel in a blind Hoill, out of all Company and
 Resort? That ze, ane rather overquhelmit, then laidin
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with Plentie of Benefices, zeid thether to delyte zour Hart in the Ruynes of Tempillis? Bot be it that zour cumming thether was but be Chance, and that ze had sum Causis to go thether, thocht not trew, zit sum Thing likely. Quhat menit zour unwontit Watcheing all Nicht? quhat menit the feirfull Murmuring of zour Seruandis yat Nicht? quhome zit in that publict Tumult ze commandit not anis to fleir out of Dures. Bot quhat Caus had thay to go out? Was it to haue Understanding of the Mater, quhairof zour self wer ane Author and Deuyser? No. For out of zour awin Watche-towre ze hard with zour Eiris the Noyes of the Ruynes, ze saw the Smuik and Asches with zour Eyis, ze drank up the Joy thairof in zour Hart, and the Sauour of the Gune-powder, ze in Maner snuffit up at zour Nose. Perhappis ze menit to send out sum to ressaif thame that fled, bot ze saw na Man fle. And thairfoir the Lichtis that wer sene out of the hiest Part of zour Hous all the Nicht lang, wer, as upon the lukie ending of the Thing that ze luikit for, euin then suddanely put out.

B o t let us returne to the King. Thay thocht it not a-neuch to have set oppin the Posterne in the Wall, to let in Theifis thairat, nor to have set ane Ambuschment befoir the Dure, that nane suld eschaip; bot als wa thay keipit with thame selfis the Keyis of twa Dures, the ane of the
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laicher Rowme quhair thay had undermynit the Wall, and fillit the Hoilis with Gune-powder, and the vther of the upper Rowme, that the Murthereris micht cum to the King in his Bed. Then of thir few Seruandis that he had, thay withdrew the greiter Number, being sic as wer befoir set about him, not sa mekle to do him Service, as to be Spyis of his Secreitis, and cary Newis to the Quene. The last that was left, ane *Alexander Durhame*, quhen he culd find na reffonabill Excuse to depart, was thrust out be ye Quene hirself. Scho in the meane tyme, mening not to faill in playing hir Part, quhile *Bothwel* is in prepairing the tragicall Stage for the Murther, daylie visitis the King. His Hart passionit with Lufe, sum tyme scho comfortis with sweit Promisis, sum tyme scho vexis with Braulingis, and still keipis his Wit occupyit with Suspiciounis, and richtly representis in Actioun the Poetis Fabill, quhairin is fenzeit that *Prometheus* his Liuer daylie growing to suffice to new Tormentis, is daylie gnawin and tyrit upon be ane Egle. For, after the same Maner, sum tyme scho cherisit and refreschit the fillie zOUNG Gentilman, to nane uther End, bot yat he may have Lyfe remaning to suffer ma Sorrowis.

Now I beseik zow every ane, think with zourselvis upon the fresche doing of the Fact, how Mennis Hartis wer muifit, quhen euin now thir Thingis cannot be hard reportit

portit without Indignatioun. Thair was prouydit be the maist wickit Man in ye Warld, be his Enemie, be his Wyfis Adulterer, ane Hous in Maner feuerit from all Harit of Men, meitter for ane Slauchter-hous then for Mannis Dwelling: It is prouydit for ane zoung Gentilman unproydent be Zouth, esie to be trappit in Tressoun be Lufe, spuilzeit of his Seruandis, forsakin of his Freindis: Ane Hous (I say) ruin, solitarie, on euerie Syde not only not clois, bot als wa oppin to pas throw, the Keyis thairof in his Enemeis Custodie, na Man left within bot ane zoung Man not zit recouerit of Seiknes, and ane auld Man febil be Age, and twa Strangeris unacquaintit with the Places, Mater and Perfones, na Man dwelling neir bot his Enemeis and Theifis. Bot as for Danger of Theifis, the gude foircasting Woman had weil prouydit, for scho had left him nathing to allure ane Theif withall: And as for his Enemeis, scho had appointit thame to be bot Lukeris on, and not Part-playeris in this Tragedie; bot the Glorie of the Fact scho referuit to hirself and *Bothwell*.

QUHAT in the meane tyme dois the Quenis greit Cairfulnes? quhat menis hir unwontit Refort? quhat hir malicious and not obsequious Diligence? Scho visitis him daylie, scho prolongis hir Talk with him mony Houris togidder, twa Nichtis scho restit in ane laicher Chalmer under him, gif gyltie Conscience of maist haynous Doings can
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from Tormentis of Fureis suffer that outrageous Hart to rest at all. Scho feirit, perdy, leift gif the laicher Place of the Hous wer left emptie, the Noyes of the Undermyneris wirking, and of the Bringeris in of the Powder, fuld bring sum of the Seruandis in sum Suspicioun of Trecherie. Besyde that, scho had a Mynde to se the Thing done hirself, rather then to commit it to the Trust of ony uther. Scho had ane Desyre to tak a Foirtaist of the Joy to cum, and quhen scho culd not with hir Eiris, zit at leift with hir Hart to consaif befoirhand the Fyre, ye Smuik, ye Powder, the Crak of the Hous falling, the feirfull Troubill, the Tumult, the confuse Dismaidnes of the Doeris, the Theifis, and the Pepill. All Thingis thus prepairit for that duilfull Nicht, then enteris scho into the leift Cair of hir gude Fame; scho indeuourit to diuert all Suspiciounis from hir, scho gais to hir Husband, scho kissis him, scho geuis him ane Ring for Pledge of hir Lufe, scho talkis with him mair louinglie then scho was wont to do, and promyfis mair largely; scho fenzeit that scho has greit Cair of his Helth, and zit her companying with hir Adulterer scho surceasis not.

THAY that mair neirly notit thir Thingis, pronosticatit na gude Thing to cum; for how mekle ye greiter Takinis yat the Quene schawit of reconcilit Affeccioun, sa mekle the mair Crueltie did euerie Man in his Hart foirconsaif
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of all hir Intentiounis. For ellis quhair cummis that fuddane Change? quhair cummis sa greit ane Cair of him quhome scho had poysonit bot ye Moneth befoir? quhome euin laitly scho not only wischit deid, bot alswa desyrit to se him die? quhais Deith scho set hir Brother, zea, baith hir Brethren to procure, and scho, lyke ane Maister of Mischeif, thrust furth the King to fecht, and hirself in ye meane tyme prepairit for his Buryall? Not past a few Monethis befoir, scho hirself was desyrous to die, becaus scho lothit to se the King aliue. Quhair cummis now this fuddane Cair for his Helth? I luke scho fuld say scho was reconcilit to him. Wer ze reconcilit to zour Husband, quhome ze send away into that Desert, that *Camp of Fureis*, as the Poet callis it? For quhom, amang Bordel-housis of Harlotis, amang Beggeris Cotages, amang Theifis lurking Hoilis, ze prepairit ane Hous sa oppin to pas throw, that ze left thairin mair Entreis then Men to schute thame? Ze that allurit and assembilit Ruffianis to his Slauchter, and Theifis to his Spoyle? Ze yat drew away his Seruandis that fuld haue defendit his Lyfe? Ze that thrust him out nakit, alone, unarmit, amang Theifis, to be flane? Quhen in all this miserabill State of zour Husband, zour Adulterer in the meane tyme dwelt in zour Palice, daylie hantit zour Chalmer, Day and Nicht all Dures wer oppin for him, quhile zoure pure Husband, barrit from all Company of the Nobilitie, his Ser-

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uandis forbiddin to cum at him, or send away from him, was forsakin and thrust away into solitarie Deseirt for ane Mocking-stock, and I wald to God it had bene for ane Mocking-stock only.

OF his uther Seruandis I inquire not, I do not curiously questioun quhy thay went away, quhy thay then specially forsuik the King, quhen he cheifly neidit thair Help and Seruice, quhen he was newly recoucrit, quhen he began to go abrode, and had nane uther Company. Of *Alexander Durhame* I cannot keip Silence, quhome ze had for his Keiper and zour Spy. Quhat was thair for him to e-spy? Was thair ony Thing for him to bring Newis of to ane honest Matrone, loving to hir Husband, faithfull in Wedlocke, and feirfull of a Partner of his Lufe? Feirit scho leift he, a zoung Man, bewtiful, and ane King, suld cast wantoun Eysis upon sum uther Woman in hir Absence? Na, God wait. For that was it that scho maist desyrit. For scho hirself had practisit to allure him thairto befoir, scho hirself had offerit him ye Occasiounis, and of hirself schawit him the Meanes. This was it that maist greuit hir, quhile scho was seiking Causis of Diuorce, that scho culd not find in him sa mekle as ony sclender Suspicioun of Adulterie. Quhy then wer Spyis set about him to watch him? Was it not that nane of the Nobilitie, nane of his Seruandis, nor ony Stranger at all suld cum at him, that na Man suld speik with.

with him, that might disclois the Tressoun, and warne him of his Danger? This fame verray *Alexander* how cairfully scho faifis, quhen scho gais about to slay hir Husband? How lait scho sendis him away quhen the rest wer gane, euin at ye verray Point of hir Husbandis Deith, quhen scho had now na mair Neid of Especiallis? For the Day befoir the Murther committit, thair was nane of the Ministeris that wer preuie of hir secreit Counsellis left behind bot only *Alexander*.

He, quhen he saw yat Nicht na les duilfull then schamefull to approche, prepairis, as himselfe thocht, ane fyne subtil Excuse to be absent, sa as rather Chance might seme to haue dreuin him out, then he himself willingly to haue forsakin his Maister. He putis Fyre in his awin Bed-straw, and quhen the Flame spred farther, he maid an Outcry, and cast his Bedding half singit out of the Kingis Chalmer. Bot the nixt Day quhen that Excuse seruit not sa handsumly as he desyrit, for that in the Quenis Heiring, ye King verray sweitly intreitit him not to leif him alone that Nicht, and als wa desyrit him to ly with himself, as he had oftin usit to do, for the King inteirly luifit him above all the rest. *Alexander* in Perplexitie wanting quhat to answer, addit to his first Excuse, Feir of Seiknes, and pretendit that for commodious taking of Phisicke for his Helth, he wald ly in the Towne. Quhen this wald not zit

ferue him, the Quene addit hir Authoritie, and tauld the King, that he did not weill to keip the zoung Man with him aganis ye Order of his Helth, and thairwith scho turnit to *Alexander*, and bad him go quhair was best for him. And furthwith, als sone as ye Word was spokin, he went his Way.

I wil not heir precisely trace out all the Futingis of the wickit Doingis. Nouthur will I curiously inquyre quhidder that former Dayis Fyre wer hapinnit be Casualtie, or kendillit be Fraude. Nouthur will I ask, quhy he that had sa oft bene ressauid to ly in the Kingis awin Bed, dois now this only Nicht specially refuse it. Let us suppois, that Seiknes was the Caus thair of. This only ane Thing I ask, quhat kynde of Seiknes it was that come upon him at the verray Instant, and befoir Morning left him agane, without ony Phisitounis Help, and quhairof nouthur afoir nor since, nor at that present, thair neuir appeirit ony Tackin? And I traist, thocht he hald his Peis, ze all sufficiently understand it. In the Man gyltie in Conscience of the mischeuous Intentioun, Feir of Deith ouercome Regaird of Dewtie. Had it not bene yat *Alexander*, befoir time ane Spy and Taillbeirer, now ane Forfaiker and Betrayer of his Maister, was joynit to hir in Privitie of all thir wickit Doingis, wald not the Quene, sa cruell in all the rest, haue found in hir Hart to bestow that ane Sacrifice upon hir Husbandis.

Husbandis Funerallis? Quhile thir Thingis wer in doing, the Nicht was far past, and my Lady *Reres* ane lustie valzeand Soldiour, befoir Signe geuin, cummis furth into the Feild out of Array, abrode scho gais, gettis hir to Horfbak, and thocht scho wer sumthing affrayit, as ane that foirknew of the Storme to cum, zit scho sat still on Horfbak tarying for the Quene, bot zit ane gude prettie Way from the Hous. In the meane tyme *Paris* cummis, and then the Communicatioun brak, and yai rais to depart. For incontinent, upon Sicht of him, come to hir Remembrance that haynous Offence, that without greit Propitiatiounis culd not be purgeit, forsuith, that the Quene had not dancit at the Wedding-feist of *Sebastiane* the Minstrell and vyle Jester, that scho sat be hir Husband quha had not zit fully recouerit his Helth, that at the Banquet of hir domesticall Parasite scho had not playit the dancing Skit. Ane Mater furelie worthie of Excuse! Bot quhat suld scho ellis do? Scho must neidis ga, sa sone as scho saw *Paris*, for sa it was aggreit, and sumthing must neidis be pretendit.

How happinnit it, that ye uther Nichtis befoir, quhen scho went away airlyer, scho maid na Excuse at all? And now hir departing about Midnight must neidis have ane Excuse alledgeit: Bot be it sa, culd scho remember na better Excuse then *Sebastianes* Wedding? No, no. I say
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to the contrarie, that gif scho had left the Weding of hir awin naturall Brother, or hir Sister, to visite hir Husband, thocht bot ane lytill craisit, scho had had ane just Excuse befoir all Men sa to do. Quhat gif scho had done ye same Kyndnes for ye King, being not hir Husband, or for ony uther of the Nobilitie? Is *Sebastianes* Wedding of sic ane Valure, that ane Masking-dance thairat is to be preferrit befoir wyfelie Dewtie and Lufe? Bot surely in this curious Excusing, and pretendit Sorrow of neglectit Dewtie, sumthing lyes hiddin, and zit not sa hiddin, bot that it appeiris throw the Closure. This overmekle Preciseness of Diligence, in excusing quhair na Neid is, hath sum Suspicioun of sum secreit Mischeif that ze ar laith to haue discloist, and the Slichtnes of the Excuse increffis the Suspicioun, specially quhen thair wer uther Materis anew that scho micht better haue alledgeit. Bot let us admit the Excuse, sen the Quene herself hes thocht it resonabill. Quhiddir then gais scho? Straicht into hir Chalmers. Quhat dois scho nixt? Weryit with the Dayis Trauell, and the Nichtis Watching, gais scho to Bed? No. Bot scho fallis to talking with *Bothwell*, first almaist alone, and efterwart alone altogidder. Quhat Talk scho had the Mater itself declairis. For *Bothwell*, efter that he had put of his Claithis, as gif he wald haue gane to Bed, incontinent puttis on uther Apparel. Going to do the Deid,
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he wald not be knawin. I lyke weill the Mannis Policie. Bot his Way was to go throw the Watche. Heir I meruell at his Madnes. Bot Mennis Wittis beset with Gyltines of Mischeifis, do commounly bewray thameselfis be thair awin Inconstancie, and blind to all uther Thingis, do se only that quhilk thay haue bent thair Mynd unto. Quhat he did, the Kingis Deith, his awin rynning away, the Confessioun of the gyltie Persounis, and uther Thingis that followit the Murther, do declair. Efter the greit Uprore in the Towne about it, he, as ane utterly ignorant of all, returnis throw ye same Watch to Bed. Quhen Noyes of ye Ruynes had fillit all Mennis Eiris, and ye Crack of it had schaikin all the Housis, only ye Quene, intentiue to Expectatioun of ye Chance, and braid awalk, heiris nathing at all, and *Botbwell* heiris nathing. O meruellous Deifnes! all uther throwout ye Towne, als mony as wer awalk, wer affrayit, and als mony as sleipit, wer awalkit. At the leist *Botbwell* ryfis agane, and in ane Self-interlude, suddanely schifting his Part from the Poet, becummis ane Messinger. He rynnys to the Quene, and thether resort als wa uther that ludgeit in the Palice. To sum the Mater semit trew, to sum fenzeit, to sum meruellous. Quhat dois ye Quene ye quhyles? Quhat fuld scho do? Scho temperately bruikis hir gude Lucke, scho restis sweitly till the nixt Day at None. Zit the Day following,

lowing, to obserue Decorum and cumly Conuenience in hir Part, without spilling the Play, scho counterfutis ane Murning, quhilk zit nouthir hir Joyfulness, dwelling withall in Hart, sufferis lang to be fenzeit, nor Schame permittis to be haillely neglectit.

THIR Thingis thus lying oppin befor zour Evis, thus palpabill with Handis, thus fast imprentit in Mennis Eiris and Knowledge, stand we zit in inquiring for the Author of the Murther, as thocht it wer doutfull? Bot ze say, the Quene denyit it. Quhat denyit scho? Forsuith, that scho did the Murther: As thocht thair wer fa greit ane Difference, gif ze be the Author or the Executor, gif ze command it, or commit it. Scho gaif her Counsell, hir Furtherance, hir Power and Authoritie to the doing of it. Nouthir is the Caus unknowin quhy scho did it. Euin that the same filthie Mariage with *Bothwell* might be accomplischt. Thocht all quhilk Argumentis, and fa mony Witnessis of thame yat wer priuie to it faillit, zit be hir awin Testimony, be hir awin Letteris, it must neidis be confessit. And thocht all uther Thingis wantit, thir Thingis that followit the Murther, do planely declair the Doer, namelie, that at ye Slauchter of hir Husband scho forrowit not, bot quyetlie restit, as efter ane gay Interpryse weill atcheuit; that scho murnit not, bot in Maner oppinly joyit; that scho culd abyde not only to
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luke upon his deid Body, bot alswa gredily beheld it; that scho secretly, in the Nicht, buryit him without funeral Pompe, or rather hid him lyke ane Theif: For yat same sa inconstant counterfuting of Murning did planely bewray itself. For quhat menit that remouing to *Setoun*? Quhy eschewit scho the Townis Refort, and Pepillis Eyis? Was it becaus scho was aschamit to murne oppinly? or becaus scho culd not weill cloik hir Joy? or secretly to give hirself all to Sorrow? No. For at *Setounis* Hous scho cast away all hir disguisit Personage of Murning scho went daylie into ye Feildis amang Ruffianis, and not only resortit to hir former Custome, bot alswa affectit to exercise manlie Pastymes, and that amang Men, and oppinly: Sa lichtly scho despyfit the Opinioun and Speich of hir Countrie. Bot I beschrew yat same *Killigre*, and that same Monfiure *de Croc*, that come upon hir sa unseffonabilly, and schawit to uther hir counterfuitit Persoun vnui-forit. For, had not thay bene, mony Thingis that wer done, micht haue bene denyit, mony Thingis micht haue bene handsumly fenzeit, and mekle of the Mater micht haue bene helpit be forgeit Rumouris.

Bot thay will say, Thair was ane solemne Inquyrie for the Murther. Forsuith, be *Bothwell* himself principally, and be sum uther that then laubourit, and zit at this Day do laubour to delyuer the Persounis gyltie thairof, from

Punishment of Law, and do now planely schaw, quhat thay then secreitly menit. Bot with quhat Diligence, with quhat upricht Seueritie was yat Inquyrie handillit? Ane few pure Folkis, ye nixt dwelling Nichtbouris to ye Kingis Ludgeing, being callit, nouthur durst tell quhat thay had sene and hard; and gif thay twichit ony Thing neir the Mater, outhur yai wer with Feir put to Silence, or dispyfit as of na Credite: Ye wyfer Sort of thame durst not offend *Botbwell* that sat amang the Judges. Ane or twa of the Kingis Seruandis that eschaipit the Mischance, wer examinitt quhilk Way the Murthereris come in. Forfuith, said thay, we had not the Keyis. Quha then had thame? It was answerit, that the Quene had thame. Sa began the Secreitis of the Court to brek out. Then was the Inquyrie adjornit, and neuer recontinewit. Quhat can be mair feueir and upricht then this Inquyrie? And zit thay preuailit nathing be it. For quhat the Examineris wald haue had keipit secreit, that the Pepill cryit out oppinly; that quhilk thay suppressit, birftis furth; that quhilk yai cloik in secreit, brekis out into braid Licht. Bot thair was ane Proclamatioun set furth, with Pardone of the Fact, and Promeis of Rewaird to him that wald utter it. Quhy? quha had bene sa mad, yat he durst in sa manifest Perrell of his Lyfe beir Witnes, or giue Informatioun aganis ye Judges yameselfis, in quhais Power
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lay his Lyfe and his Deith? It was likely, forsuith, that thay quhilk had murtherit a King, wald spair him that fuld disclois the Murtherer, specially quhen all Men saw that the Inquyrie of the Kingis Slauchter was quyte omittit, and ye uther Inquyrie seueirly persewit, concerning Buikis accusing the Slauchter. Quhat Maner of Judgement it was, quhairby *Bothwell* was acquytit, ze haue hard. Forsuith, be himself procurit, the Judges be himself chosin, the Accuseris be himself subornit, lawful Accuseris forbiddin to be present, unles thay wald zeild thair Throttis to thair Enemeis Wappinnis: The Assise appointit nouthier to ane Day, according to the Law of the Land, nor efter the Maner of the Countrie, nor to inquire of the Murther of ye King, bot of sic ane Murther as was alledgeit to be committit ye Day befor yat the King was slane. Heir, quhen *Bothwell* be his Freindschip and Power, and the Quene be Prayer and Threitningis traueilit with the Judges, do ze now expect quhat Sentence Men chosin aganis Law, and aganis ye Custome of the Land, haue pronouncit? In yair Judgement thay thocht the Matter nathing at all: Only this thay haue declairit, that it was na lawfull Judgement, in this that with ane speciall Protestatioun yai prouydit, that it fuld not be prejudiciall to thame in Tyme to cum.

THEN, that all Men might understand quhat it was that thay socht be Sword, Fyre and Poyfoun, thay jum-bil up Mariages : Ane is diuorcit, ane uther is couplit, and that in sic poisting Speid, as thay might scant haue haistit to furneis ane Tryumph of sum nobill Victorie. Zit, that in thay unlawfull Weddingis sum Schaw of lawfull Ordour might be obseruit, the gudely Bandis wer oppinly proclamit. For publischeing quhairof, thocht ye Minister of ye Kirk wer threitnit with Deith gif he did it not, zit at the Tyme of his publischeing, himself oppinly protestit that he knew Caus of Exceptioun quhy that Mariage was not lawfull. Bot in sic ane Multitude assemblit, how few wer yai yat knew it not ? Sen all culd weill remember, that *Bothwell* had then alyue twa Wyfes alreddy, not zit diuorcit, and the thrid nouthur lawfully maryit, nor ordourlie diuorcit : Bot that was not it that was intendit, to obserue the Ceremoneis of lawful Ordour, bot (as yai use to do in Interludes) thay prouydit ane certane Schaw, or disguisit Counterfuting of commoun Usage ; for he that hes oft brokin all humane Lawis, and hes cast away all Conscience and Religioun, culd esilie neglect the Curse of Goddis Law.

Now, I suppois I haue breifly declairit (in respect of the Greitnes of the Mater) and zit perhappis in mair Words then neidit (the Planenes of the Proues considerit)
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of quhat Purpois, be quhat Counsell, and upon quhat Hope that haynous Murther was attemptit, with quhat Crueltie it was executit, be quhat Takinis, Aduertisementis, Testimoneis and Letteris of ye Quene herself, ye hail Mater is preifit, and sa planely preifit, yat it may be als oppinly sene as gif it lay befoir zour Eysis: Zit will I schaw furth the Testimonie of ye haill Pepill, quhilk I think worthie not to be neglectit.

FOR severall Men do commounly dissaif and ar dissaifit be uther, bot na Man dissaifis all Men, nor is dissaifit be all. This Testimonie of the Pepill is this. Quhen at the Quenis going abroad among the Pepill, the greitest Part of the Commounis wer wont to mak Acclamatiounis, wisching hir *weill* and *happely*, with sic Speiches as outhir Lufe enforcis, or Flattery inventis: Now, at hir going efter the Kingis Slauchter to the Castell, throw the cheif and maist populous Gait of ye Towner, thair was all the Way ane sad glowming Silence; and quhen ane Woman alone of the Multitude had cryit, *God save the Quene*, ane uther incontinent sa cryit out as all Men micht heir it, *Sa be it to every ane as thay haue deseruit*.

ALBEIT thir Thingis wer thus done as I have declairit, zit thair ar sum that stik not to say, that the Quene was not onely hardly, bot als wa cruelly delt with, that efter sa detestabill ane Fact scho was remouit from Regiment:

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And quhen thay cannot deny ye Fact, thay complane of the Punishment. I do not think thair wil be ony Man sa schameles to think, yat sa horribill ane Fact aucht to haue na Punishment at all: Bot gif thay complane of the Greuoufnes of the Penaltie, I feir leift to all gude Men we may seme not to haue done sa gentilly and temperately as lously and negligently, yat haue laid sa licht ane Pane upon ane Offence sa haynous, and sic as was neuer hard of befoir. For, quhat can be done cruelly aganis the Author of sa outrageous ane Deid, quhairin all Lawis of God and Man ar violatit, despyfit, and in maner haillely extinguishit? Euerie feuerall Offence hes his Punishment baith be God and Man appointit: And as thair be certane Degreis of euill Deidis, sa ar thair also Increffis in the Quantiteis of Punishmentis. Gif ane haue slane a Man, it is ane Deid of it self verray haynous. Quhat gif he haue slane his familiar Freind? quhat gif his Father? quhat gif in ane foull Fact he had joynit all thir Offencis togidder? Surely of sic a ane, nouthar can his Lyfe suffice for imposing, nor his Body for beiring, nor the Judges Policie for inventing Pane aneuch for him. Quhilk of thir Faultis is not compryfit in this Offence? I omit the meane commoun Materis, the murthering of ane zoung Gentleman, ane Innocent, hir Countriman, hir Kinnisman, hir Familiar, and hir Cousing-germane. Let us also excuse
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ye Fact, gif it be possibill. Scho unaduisitly, ane zounge Woman, angrie, offendit, and ane of greit Innocencie of Lyfe till this Tyme, has slane ane lewd zounge Man, ane Adulterer, ane unkynde Husband, and ane cruell King. Gif not ony ane, bot all thir Respectis togidder, wer in this Mater, thay aucht not to auaille to schift of all Punischment, bot to rais sum Pietie of the Cace. Bot quhat say ze, that nane of thir Thingis can sa mekle as be falsly pretendit? The Fact it self, of it self is odious in ane Woman, it is monstrous in ane Wyfe, not onely excessively luifit, bot also maist zelously honourit, it is uncredibill: And being committit aganis him quhais Age craifit Pardone, quhais hartly Affection requyrit Lufe, quhais Neirnes of Kyn askit Reverence, quhais Innocencie micht haue deseruit Fauour; upon that zounge Man, I say, in quhome thair is not sa mekle as alledgeit ony just Caus of Offence, thus to execute and spend, zea, to exceid all Tormentis dew to all Offencis, in quhat Degre of Crueltie fall we accompt it? Bot let thir Thingis auail in uther Persounis to rais Haitrent, to bring Punischment, and to mak Exempillis to Posteritie: Bot in this Cace, let us beir mekle with hir Zouth, mekle with hir Nobilitie, mekle with ye Name of ane Prince. As for myne awin Part, I am not ane that think it alway gude to use extreme Straitnes of Law, na not in priuate, meane and commoun Persounis: Bot in an maist

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haynous Misdeid, to dissolue all Force of Law, and quhair
 is na Measure of ill doing, thair to discend beneth all Mea-
 sure in punisching, wer the Way to the undoing of all
 Lawis, and the Ouerthraw of all humane Societie. Bot
 in this ane horribill Act is sic ane Hochpotch of all abho-
 minabil Doingis, sic ane Egernes of all outragious Crueltie,
 sic ane Forzetfulnes of all naturall Affectioun, as nathing
 mair can be fenzeit or imaginitt. I omit all former Mate-
 ris. I will not curiously inquyre upon Princis Doingis. I
 will not wey thame be the commoun Beame. I wil not re-
 strane thame to commoun Degreis of Dewteis. Gif yair
 be ony Thing yat without greit Offence may be passit ouer,
 I wil glaidly leif it unspokin of. Gif thair be ony Thing
 that may resaif Excuse, outhir be respect of Age, or of
 Womankynde, zea, or of Unadvistnes, I will not urge it.
 And to pas ouer all ye rest, twa haynous Offencis thair
 be, that nouthir according to yair Greitnes be fully ex-
 pressit, nor according to thair Outrage be sufficiently pu-
 nischit, I mene the violating of Matrimonie, and of
 Royall Majestie : For Matrimonie (as the Apostle
 fayis) *dois trewly contene ane greit Mysterie*. For,
 as being obseruit, it compryis within it all inferior Kyndes
 of Dewteis; sa being brokin, it ouerthrawis thame all.
 Quha sa hes misusit his Father, semit to haue cast out of his
 Hart all naturall Reuerence; bot for ye Husbandis faik
 ane

ane fall leif baith Father and Mother. Of all uther Dew-
 teis the Degreis or lyke Obseruances, outhar ar not at all
 in brute Creatures, or not sa plane to be discernit; bot of
 matrimoniall Lufe, thair is almaist na leuing Creature that
 hes not sum Feilling. This Mysterie thairfoir, quha sa not
 only uiolatis, but als wa despyfis, he dois not ouerthraw all
 the Foundatiounis of humane Fellowship, bot, als mekle
 as in him lyes, dissoluis and confoundis all Order of Na-
 ture. Quha saeuer, I do not say, hurtis the King that is
 the trew Image of God in Eirth, bot slayis him with
 strange and unwontit Sort of Crueltie, sa as the untempe-
 rant and uncredibill Outragiousnes is not contentit with
 simpil Torment, semis he not, als mekle as in him lyes, to
 haue ane Desyre to pull God out of Heuin? Quhat Re-
 fuge haue thay then left thameselfis to Mercy, that in sa-
 tisfying thair Lust of unjust Haitrent, haue exceidit not
 only all Measure of Crueltie, bot also all Likelyheid that it
 can be credibill.

B o r thay will say, We aucht to beir with and spair hir
 Nobilitie, Dignitie and Age. Be it sa, gif scho haif spairit
 him in quhome all thir Respectis wer greiter, or at leist
 egall, let the Majestie of Royall Name auaill hir: How
 mekle it aucht to auaill to hir Preseruing, hirself hes schaw-
 it the Exempill. May we commit our Saistie to hir, quha
 ane Sister hes boucherly slauchterit hir Brother, ane Wyfe

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hir Husband, ane Quene hir King? May we commit our
 Saistie to hir, quhome neuer Schame restranit from Uncha-
 stitie, Womankynd from Crueltie, nor Religioun from
 Impietie? Sall we beir with hir Age, Sexe and Unadvit-
 nes, yat, without all just Causis of Haitrent, despyfis all
 thir Thingis in hir Kinnisman, hir King, hir Husband? Scho
 yat hes focht sic Executioun of hir wrongful Wraith, quhat
 fall we thinke scho will do, being prouokit be Reproches,
 to Men not knit to hir be Kinred, subject to hir Plesure, not
 matchit with hir in egall Fellowship of Lyfe, bot zeildit
 to hir Governance, and thrall to hir tormenting Cruel-
 tie? quhen Rage for interrupting hir Plesure and Out-
 rage of Nature, strenthinit with Armour of licentious
 Power, fall raginly triumph upon the Gudes and Blude of
 pure Subjectis? Quhat is then the Fault quhairof we ar accusit?
 quhat Crueltie haue we schawit? That ane Woman raging
 without Measure and Modestie, and abusing, to all hir Sub-
 jectis Destruction, the Force of hir Power that scho had
 ressauid for thair Saistie, we haue keipit under Gouvernance
 of hir Kinnismen and weill-willing Freindis: And quhome
 be Richt we nicht, for hir haynous Deidis, haue executit,
 hir we haue twichit with na uther Punischment, bot only
 restranit hir from doing mair Mischeif; for we depyuit
 hir not of Libertie, bot of unbrydillit Licentiousnes of
 Euill doing. Quhairin we mair feir, amang all gude Men,
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ye Blame of to mekle Lenitie, then, amang euill Men, the Sclander of Crueltie.

THIR wer the Caufis that muifit the Quene to this Matter. *Bothwell* also had his Ressonis, quhilk not a lytill troubillit his Mynde: For, quhen that fame infamous Acquittall rather increffit then abatit the Suspicioun, and ye Mater culd not be alway keipit clois, he fleis to his last Refuge, to obtene of the Quene ane Pardone of all his Offences. Bot quhen, be the Law of the Land, in sic Charteris of Pardone the greitest Offence mon be exprefly mentionit, and the rest it fufficit to include in generall Wordis; and exprefly to confes the Murther of the King, femit to ftand nouthir with his Honour, nor with his Saiftie, he was dreuin of Necessitie outhir to invent or commit fum uthir Cryme, outhir mair greuous, or at the leift als haynous, under quhilk the Slauchter of the King micht lurk in Shaddow of generall Wordis unexprefsit, thay culd deuyfe nane uthir, bot the fame counterfeit Ravifchement of the Quene, quhairby baith the Quene provydit for injoying hir Plesure, and *Bothwell* for his Saiftie.

M E M O R A N D U M.

THAT in the Castell of *Edinburgh* thair was left be the Erle *Bothwell* befoir his fleing away, and was send for be ane *George Daglische* his Seruand, quha was takin be ye Erle of *Mortoun*, ane small gylt Coffer not fully ane Fute lang, being garnischit in findrie Places with the *Romane* Letter F. under ane Kingis Crowne; quhairin wer certane Letteris and Wrytingis weill knowin, and be Aithis to be affirmit to haue bene writtin with the Quene of *Scottis* awin Hand to ye Erle *Bothwell*.

BESYDE thay Wrytingis, thair was als wa extant a Wryting writtin in *Romane* Hand in *Frenche*, to be auowit to be writtin be the Quene of *Scottis* herself, being ane Promeis of Mariage to the said *Bothwell*: Quhillk Wryting being without Dait, and thocht sum Wordis thairin seme to the contrarie, zit is upon credibill Groundis supposit to haue bene maid and writtin be hir befoir the Deith of hir Husband. Ye Tennor quhairof thus beginnis.

Nous Marie par la Grace de Dieu, &c.

We Marie be the Grace of Gcd, &c.

THAIR

THAIR is alsua ane uther Wryting in *Scottis*, auowit to be haillely writtin be the Erle of *Huntly*, daitit the 5. of *Apryll* 1567. contening ane Forme of Contract for Mariage betwix the said Quene and the Erle *Bothwell*, subscriuit *Marie*, quhilk is to be auowit to be the proper Hand of the said Quene, and underneth it *James* Erle *Bothwell*, quhilk alsua is to be auowit to be the proper Hand of the said Erle *Bothwell*, at quhilk Tyme he was commounly defamit of the Kingis Slauchter, and not clengeit or acquytit thairof befoir the XII of *Apryll* following. The Tennor of quhilk Contract heir ensewis.

“ **A**T *Setoun*, the V. Day of *Apryll*, the Zeir of God
 “ 1567. the richt Excellent, richt Heich and
 “ Michtie Princes, *Marie* be the Grace of God Quene of
 “ *Scottis*, considdering the Place and Estait quhairin
 “ Almighty God hes constitute hir Heichnes, and how,
 “ be the Deceis of the King hir Husband, hir Majestie is
 “ now destitute of ane Husband, leuing solitarie in the
 “ Stait of Wedowheid : In the quhilk Kynde of Lyfe hir
 “ Majestie maist willingly wald continew, gif ye Weill of
 “ hir Realme and Subjectis wald permit ; bot on ye uther
 “ Part, considdering the Inconveniencis may follow, and
 “ the Necessitie quhilk the Realme hes, yat hir Majestie
 “ be couplit with ane Husband, hir Heichnes hes incly-
 “ nit

“ nit to mary. And feing quhat Incommoditie may cum
 “ to this Realme, in cace hir Majestie fuld joyne in Ma-
 “ riage with ony forane Prince of ane strange Natioun,
 “ hir Heichnes hes thocht rather better to zeild unto ane
 “ of hir awin Subjectis: Amangis quhome hir Majestie
 “ findis nane mair abill, nor indewit with better Qualiteis
 “ then the richt nobill, and hir deir Cousing, *James Erle*
 “ *Bothwell*, &c. Of quhais thankfull and trew Service
 “ hir Heichnes, in all Tymes bypast, hes had large Prufe
 “ and infallibill Experience. And feing not onely the
 “ same gude Mynd constantly perseuering in him, bot with
 “ that ane inward Affectioun and hartly Lufe towardis hir
 “ Majestie, hir Heichnes, amangis the rest, hes maid hir
 “ Chose of him: And thairfoir, in the Presence of the
 “ eternall God, faithfully, and in the Word of ane Prince,
 “ be thir Presentis takis the said *James Erle Bothwell*
 “ as hir lawfull Husband, and promittis and oblis his
 “ Heichnes, that how sone ye Proces of Diuorce, intentit
 “ betwix ye said Erle *Bothwell* and Dame *Jane Gordoun*
 “ now his pretensit Spous, beis endit be ye Ordour of ye
 “ Lawis, hir Majestie fall, God willing, thairefter schortly
 “ mary and tak the said Erle to hir Husband, and com-
 “ pleit the Band of Matrimonie with him, in Face of ha-
 “ ly Kirk, and fall neuer mary nane uther Husband bot
 “ he only during his Lyfetye. And as hir Majestie, of
 “ hir

“ hir gracious Humanitie and proper Motiue, without de-
 “ seruing of the said Erle, hes thus inclynit hir Favour
 “ and Affection towardis him, he humbly and reuerent-
 “ lie acknowleging the same, according to his bound
 “ Dewtie, and being als fre and abill to mak Promeis of
 “ Mariage, in respect of the said Proces of Diuorce, in-
 “ tentit for diuers reffonabill Causis, and yat his said pre-
 “ tensit Spous hes thairunto consentit, he presentlie takis
 “ hir Majestie as his lauchfull Spous in the Presence of
 “ God, and promittis and oblis him, as he will answer
 “ to God, and upon his Fidelitie and Honour, that, in all
 “ Diligence possibill, he fall profecute and set fordwart
 “ the said Proces of Diuorce alreddy begunne and inten-
 “ tit betwix him and the said Dame *Jane Gordoun* his
 “ pretenfit Spous, unto the fynall End of ane Decreit and
 “ Declarator thairin. And incontinent thairefter, at hir
 “ Majesteis gude Will and Plesure, and quhen hir Heich-
 “ nes thinkis convenient, fall compleit and solemnizat, in
 “ Face of haly Kirk, ye said Band of Matrimony with hir
 “ Majestie, and lufe, honour and serue hir Heichnes,
 “ according to the Place and Honour that it hes pleisit
 “ hir Majestie to accept him unto, and neuer to haue ony
 “ uther for his Wyfe during hir Majesteis Lifetyme: In
 “ Faith and Witnessing quhairof, hir Heichnes and the said
 “ Erle hes subscriuit this present faithfull Promeis with yair
 “ Handis,

“ Handis, as followis, Day, Zeir and Place foirfaidis, be-
 “ foir thir Witnes, *George Erle of Huntly*, and Maister
 “ *Thomas Hepburne* Persoun of *Auldbamstock*, &c.

MARIE R.

JAMES *Erle* BOTHWELL.

HEIR note, that this Contract was maid the V. of *Apryll*, within VIII. Oulkis efter the Murther of the King, quhilk was flane the X. of *Februar* befoir; also it was maid VII. Dayis befoir that *Bothwell* was acquytit, be corrupt Judgement, of the said Murther.

ALSWA it appeiris be the Wordis of the Contract itself, that it was maid befoir Sentence of Diuorce betwix *Bothwell* and his former Wyfe, and alswa in verray Treuth was maid befoir ony Sute of Diuorce intentit or begune betwene him and his former Wyfe, thocht sum Wordis in this Contract seme to say utherwyfe. Quhilk is thus prouit; for this Contract is daitit ye V. of *Apryll*, and it planely appeiris, be the judiciall Actis befoir the twa feuerall Ecclesiasticall ordinarie Judges, quhairin is contenit the haill Proces of the Diuorce betwene the said Erle and Dame *Jane Gordoun* his Wyfe, that the ane of the same Proceffis was intentit and begune the XXVI. Day of *Apryll*, and the uther the XXVII.

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ALSWA thair be certane Recordis of the Justice Court, haldin at *Edinburgh* the said XII. Day of *April*, sum Copyis quhairof haue bene exemplifyit, and signit with the Hand of Schir *Johne Bellenden* Justice Clerk, amang quhilk is ye Dittay or Indytement of *Bothwell*. The Tennor of quhilk Recordis, with the Assise and Verdit, do heir follow.

Curia Justiciæ S. D. N. Regina, tenta & inchoata in prætorio de Edinburgh, duodecimo die mensis Aprilis anno 1567. per nobilem & potentem dominum Archibaldum comitem Ergadiæ, dominum Campbell & Lorne, justiciarium generalem ejusdem S. D. N. Regina totius regni sui ubilibet constitutum Sen. vocatum, & curia legitime affirmata.

“ I N the quhilk Court compeirit personallie in Judge-
 “ ment, Maisteris *Johne Spens* of *Condie*, and *Robert Creichtoun* of *Eleok*, Aduocatis to our Souerane
 “ Lady, in hir Name, and thair the said Maister *Johne*
 “ *Spens* producit our Souerane Ladyis Letter, execute
 “ and indorsit, togidder with ane Dittay. Of the quhilk
 “ Letteris, Indorsing thair of, and Dittay, the Tennouris
 “ heirefter followis; Yat is to say, *Marie* be ye Grace
 “ of God, Quene of *Scottis*, to our Lovitis, *Williame*

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“ *Purwes,*

“ *Purwes*, Maister *Williame Lawfone*, *Gawine Ramesay*
 “ Messingeris, our Schireffis in that Part, conjunctlie and
 “ feuerallie, speciallie constitute, Greting: Forasmekle
 “ as it is humblie menit and schawin to us be our Louit-
 “ tis, familiar Clerkis and Counsellouris, Maisteris *Johne*
 “ *Spens* of *Condie*, and *Robert Creichtoun* of *Eleok* our
 “ Aduocatis; that quhairas thay ar informit, our traist
 “ Cousing and Counfallour, *Mathew Erle* of *Lennox*, Fa-
 “ ther to the King our derrest Spous, hes delatit *James*
 “ *Erle Bothwell*, Lord *Haillis* and *Creichtoun*, &c. and
 “ certane utheris, of the tressonabill, cruell, odious and
 “ abhominabill Slauchter and Murther of his Grace, com-
 “ mittit upon the IX. Day of *Februar* last bypast, under
 “ Silence of the Night, within his Ludgeing for the
 “ Tyme within our Burgh of *Edinburgh*, besyde the *Kirk*
 “ of *Feild*, upon Prouisioun, set Purpois, and foirthocht
 “ Fellony, and hes declairit unto us the Suspicioun had of
 “ the said Erle, and utheris, as Committeris of the said
 “ odious, cruell and abhominabill Deid. Quhairthrow we
 “ being maist ernistlie bent, myndit, and willing to have
 “ Tryall takin yairin, be Ordour of Justice, with all Di-
 “ ligence and Expedition possibill, hes, with Aduise of
 “ the Lordis of our secreit Counsell, and also of the
 “ humbill Desyre of the said Erle *Bothwell*, maid in our
 “ and thair Presence, quhilk offerit himself reddey to un-
 “ derly

“ derly the Tryall of ane conding Affisse, according to
 “ the Lawis of our Realme, for declairing of this Part,
 “ hes ordanit ane Court of Justiciarie to be set and haldin
 “ in the Tolbuith of *Edinburgh*, the XII. Day of *Apryll*
 “ nixt to cum, for doing of Justice upon the said Erle
 “ and utheris, for the said cruell, odious, foull and abho-
 “ minabill Cryme of Offence; lyke as it at mair lenth is
 “ contenit in ane Act maid in the Buikis of our secreit
 “ Counsel thairupon.

“ OUR Will is heirfoir, and we charge zow straitly,
 “ and commandis, that incontinent, thir our Letteris sene,
 “ ze pas, and in our Name and Authoritie, warne the
 “ said *Mathew* Erle of *Lennox*, personally, or at his
 “ Dwelling-place, and all utheris our Liegis, hauand or
 “ pretendand to haue Entres in the said Mater, be oppin
 “ Proclamatioun at ye Mercat-crossis of our Burrowis of
 “ *Edinburgh*, *Dumbertane*, *Glasgow*, *Lanerk*, and utheris
 “ Places neidfull, to compeir befoir our Justice, or his
 “ Deputis, in our Tolbuith of *Edinburgh*, the said XII.
 “ Day of *Apryll* nixt to cum, to persew and concur with
 “ us in the said Actioun: With Certificatioun to yame,
 “ and thay failze, that our Justice, or his Deputis, will
 “ proceid and do Justice in the said Mater the said Day,
 “ conforme to the Lawis and Conswetude of our Realme,
 “ without ony langer Delay or Continuatioun: And yat

“ ze summond ane Assises heirto, ilk Persone under the
 “ Pane of Fourtie Pundis, as ze will answer to us thair-
 “ upon. The quhilk to do, we commit to zow conjunct-
 “ ly and feuerally, our full Power be thir our Letteris,
 “ delyuering thame be zow dewly execute and indorfate
 “ agane to the Beirer. Geuin vnder our Signet at *Edin-*
 “ *burgh*, the XXVII. Day of *Marche*, and of our Reigne
 “ the XXV. Zeir, 1567.

Ex deliberatione Dominorum consilii Reg.

MARY.

Indorfatiounis of the said Letteris.

“ UPON ye XXIX. Day of *Marche*, ye Zeir of
 “ God 1567 Zeiris, I *Williame Purwes* Messin-
 “ ger, ane of ye Schireffis in that Part within constitute,
 “ past at Command of thir our Soverane Ladyis Letteris,
 “ and, in hir Grace Name and Authoritie, warnit *Matbew*
 “ Erle of *Lennox*, and all utheris hir Majesteis Liegis ha-
 “ uand or pretendand to haue Entres in the Mater within
 “ specifyit, be oppin Proclamatioun at the Mercat-crofe
 “ of the Burgh of *Edinburgh*, to compeir befoir the Ju-
 “ stice or his Deputis in the Tolbuith of *Edinburgh*, the
 “ XII. Day of *Apryll* nixt to cum, to persew and concur
 “ with our said Souerane Lady in the Actioun within ex-
 “ premit:

“ premit: With Certificatioun as is within mentionit, efter
 “ the Forme and Tennor of thir Letteris, quhair of I affixt
 “ ane Copy upon the said Mercat-crofe. This I did be-
 “ foir thir Witneffis, *Johne Andersoun* and *David Lautie*,
 “ with utheris diuers. And for mair Witneffing to this
 “ my Executioun and Indorsatioun, my Signet is affixt.

“ **U**PON the penult Day of *Marche*, first and se-
 “ cund Dayis of *Apryll*, the Zeir of God abone
 “ writtin, I *Gawin Ramsay* Messinger, ane of the Schireffis
 “ in that Part within constitute, past at Commandement of
 “ thir our Souerane Ladyis Letteris, and, in hir Grace's Name
 “ and Authoritie, warnit the said *Mathew Erle of Lennox*,
 “ at his Dwelling-places in *Glasgow* and *Dunbertane* re-
 “ spectiue, becaus I seirchit and socht, and culd not ap-
 “ prehend him personally, and all uther hir Majesteis Lie-
 “ gis hauand and pretendand to haue Entres to persew
 “ in the Mater within expremitt, be Proclamatioun at
 “ the Mercat-crossis of the Burrowis of *Glasgow*, *Dunber-*
 “ *tane* and *Lanerk*, for to compeir befoir the Justice or
 “ his Deputis in the said Tolbuith of *Edinburgh*, the said
 “ XII. Day of *April* nixt to cum, to persew and concur
 “ with our said Souerane Lady in the Actioun within
 “ writtin: With Certificatioun as is within mentionit, efter
 “ the Forme and Tennor of thir Letteris, quhair of I af-
 “ fixt

“ fixt ane Copy upon every ane of the said Mercat-crossis.
 “ This I did befoir yir Witnes, *George Herbesoun, Nicoll*
 “ *Andro, Robert Letterik* Messinger, *Williame Smollet,*
 “ *Dauid Robertfoun, James Smollet, Jobne Hammiltoun,*
 “ *James Bannatine,* and *Robert Hammiltoun,* with utheris
 “ diuers. And for mair witnessing heirof, my Signet is
 “ affixt, subscriuit with my Hand.

Gawine Ramsay Messinger.

“ **U**PON the first Day of *Aprill*, the Zeir of God
 “ 1567 Zeiris, I *Williame Lawfoun* Messinger, Schi-
 “ ref in that Part within constitute, past at Command of
 “ thir our Souerane Ladyis Letteris, to the Mercat-crosc
 “ of *Peirthe*, and thair be oppin Proclamatioun lauchfully
 “ warnit *Mathew Erle of Lennox*, and all vtheris our So-
 “ uerane Ladyis Liegis, hauand or pretendand to haue En-
 “ tres to perfew *James Erle Bothwell*, Lord *Haillis* and
 “ *Creichtoun*, &c. and certane utheris, for the cruell
 “ Slauchter and Murther of the Kingis Grace, and affixt
 “ ane Copy upon the said Crossis, efter the Forme and
 “ Tennor of thir Letteris. And this I did befoir thir
 “ Witneffis, *James Marschell, Alexander Borthick*, and
 “ *Jobne Anderfoun* Messingeris, with utheris diuers. And
 “ for

“ for the mair witnessing of this my Executioun and In-
 “ doratioun, I haue subscriuit this with my Hand.

Williame Lawfoun Messinger, with my Hand.

The D I T T A Y.

“ *JAMES* Erle *Bothwel*, Lord *Haillis* and *Creichtoun*,
 “ &c. Ze ar indytit for Arte and Part of ye cruell, o-
 “ dious, tressonabill and abhominabill Slauchter and Mur-
 “ ther of ye umquhile, ye richt Excellent, richt Heich,
 “ and Michtie Prince, the Kingis Grace, derrest Spous for
 “ the Tyme to our Souerane Lady the Quenis Majestie,
 “ under Silence of Nicht in his awin Ludgeing, besyde the
 “ *Kirk of Feild*, within this Burgh, he being taking the
 “ Nichtis Rest, tressonabilly raising Fyre within the same
 “ with ane greit Quantitie of Powder, throw Force of the
 “ quhilk the said hail Ludgeing was raisit and blawin in
 “ the Air, and the said umquhile King was murtherit tref-
 “ sonabilly, and maist cruelly flane and destroyit be zow
 “ yairin, upon set Purpois, Prouisioun and foirthocht Fel-
 “ lony; and this ze did upon the IX. Day of *Februar* last
 “ bypast, under Silence of Nicht, as said is, as is notourly
 “ knawin, quhilk ze cannot deny.

“ UPON the quhilk Productioun of the foirsaid Letteris
 “ execute, indorsit, and Dittay, the said Aduocate askie
 “ ane

“ ane Act of Court and Instrumentis, and desyrit of the
 “ Justice Proces conforme thairto.

“ THE said Letteris being oppinly red in Judgement,
 “ with the Indorsatiounis thair of, the Justice, be vertew of
 “ the same, causit cal the said *James Erle Bothwell*, as De-
 “ fender on that ane Part, and *Mathew Erle of Lennox*,
 “ and all utheris our Souerane Ladyis Liegis, hauand and
 “ pretendand to persew in the said Mater, to compeir be-
 “ foir him in this Court of Justiciarie, to persew and de-
 “ fend as accordis of the Law.

“ COMPEIRIT immediatly thairefter in Judgement the
 “ said *James Erle Bothwell*, and enteris as parsonale, and
 “ then cheissit Maister *David Borthick* of *Luchthill*, and
 “ Maister *Edmund Hay* Prolocutoris for him, quha also
 “ compeirit personally in Judgement, and wer admittit be
 “ ye Justice to that Effect.

“ COMPEIRIT als wa Maister *Henrie Kinros*, alledge-
 “ ing him Procurator for *Andro Maister* of *Arrole*, and
 “ producit in Judgement the Wryting and Protestatioun
 “ underwritin, desyring the same to be registrat and insert
 “ in the Buikis of Adjornall, quhairof the Tennor fol-
 “ lowis.

“ THE quhilk Day compeirit Maister *Henry Kinros*,
 “ Procurator for *Andro Maister* of *Arrole* Constabill of
 “ *Scotland*, and alledgeit, That the Constabillis, for the Tyme,
 “ of

“ of this Realme, hes bene at all Times bypast only Judges
 “ competent to all sic Persones as hes bene accusit crimi-
 “ nally for committing of Slauchter, Murther, of Blude-
 “ drawing neir to the Prince Chalmer, and within Four
 “ Myles fra the same; and thairfoir, ye said Maister now
 “ being Constabill of this Realme, aucht and suld be Judge
 “ competent to *James Erle Bothwell* and utheris his al-
 “ ledgeit Complices callit yis Day, and to be accusit for
 “ Arte and Part of the alledgeit cruell treffonabill Slauch-
 “ ter of umquhile *Henrie King of Scottis*. And in cace
 “ *Archebald Erle of Argyle*, as Justice-generall of this Re-
 “ alme, or his Deputis, proceid and cognosce in the said
 “ Caus, the said Maister *Henry Procuratour* foirsaid, pro-
 “ testis solemnly, that ye same Proceeding thairin on na
 “ wayis hurt nor prejudice the said Constabill his Office,
 “ Richtis, Tytill of Richtis, Entres, Jurisdiction, or In-
 “ uestiment thairof in ony sort; bot that he may use and
 “ exercise his said Jurisdiction in all sic Causis in Tyme
 “ cumming, conforme to his Inuestiment of the said Of-
 “ fice, and Use of cognoscing usit be his Predecessouris
 “ and him befoir in semblable Causes. At quhilk Tyme he
 “ makis it knawin, outhir be Inuestiment, or utherwayis
 “ sufficiently, him to haue Jurisdiction in sic Caces, and
 “ desyris the same Protestatioun to be insert in the Buik
 “ of Adjornale, and admittit under Protestatioun, that he

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“ affirme

“ affirme not my Lord Justice Jurisdiction in ony sort in
 “ proceeding in the said Mater.

“ THE Justice being aduysit with the said Alledgeance
 “ and Protestatioun, fand be Interlocutor, and ordanit,
 “ That Proces fuld be led be him in this Mater, nocht-
 “ withstanding the same, in respect that nathing was schaw-
 “ in be the said Maister *Henry* to verifie the Contentis of
 “ the said Alledgeance and Protestatioun; quhairupon the
 “ said Erle *Bothwell* askit ane Note of Court and Instrument.

“ THE said *Mathew* Erle of *Lennox*, and utheris
 “ our Souerane Ladyis Liegis, hauand; or pretendand to
 “ haue Entres to persew in the said Mater, being oftin-
 “ times callit to haue compeirit and concurrir with ye
 “ said Aduocates in Persute of the said Actioun, compeirit
 “ *Robert Cuninghame*, alledgeing him Seruand to the said
 “ *Mathew* Erle of *Lennox*, and producit the Wrying un-
 “ derwritin, quhilk he subscriuit with his Hand in Judge-
 “ ment, as he that had Power to use the same; and pro-
 “ testit and desyrit conform thairto in all Pointis. Of the
 “ quhilk Wrying the Tennor followis.

“ MY Lordis, I am cum heir, send be my Maister ye Erle
 “ of *Lennox*, to declair the Caus of his Absence yis Day,
 “ and with his Power, as the same beiris. The Caus of
 “ his Absence is the Schortnes of Tyme, and that he is
 “ denyit of his Freindis and Seruandis, quha fuld haue ac-
 “ companyit

“ companyit him to his Honour and Suretie of his Lyfe,
 “ in respect of the Greitnes of his Partie, and he hauing As-
 “ sistance of na Freindis bot only himself: And thairfoir his
 “ L. hes commandit me to desyre ane sufficient Day accor-
 “ ding to the Wecht of the Caus, quhairthrow he may
 “ keip the same. And gif zour L. will proceid at this pre-
 “ sent, I protest that I may, without ony Displeasure of ony
 “ Man, use yir Thingis committit to my Charge be my
 “ Lord my Maister, quhairof I tak ane Document.

“ *Item.* I protest, That gif the Personnis quha passis up-
 “ on Assyse and Inqueist of thir Persounis that fall enter on
 “ Pannell this Day, clenge the said Persounis of the Mur-
 “ ther of the King, that it salbe wilfull Error and not Ig-
 “ norance, be ressoun that it is notourlie knawin thir Per-
 “ sounis to be the Myrthereris of the King, as my Lord my
 “ Maister alledgeis. Upon the quhilk Protestatioun I re-
 “ requyre ane Document.

Robert Cuninghame.

“ UPON the Productioun of the quhilk Wryting and
 “ Protestatioun, the said *Robert* askit Actis and Instru-
 “ mentis.

“ THE Justice being auyfit with ye foirsaid Wryting
 “ and Protestatioun producit and usit be the said *Robert Cu-*
 “ *ninghame*, in respect of the Letteris and Wrytingis
 “ send to our Souerane be the said *Mathew* Erle of *Lennox*,

“ producit and red in Judgement, quhair of the Copyis ar
 “ underwrittin. Be the quhilk Letteris and Wrytingis,
 “ the said Erle of *Lennox* desyrit schort and summare
 “ Proces to be deducit in the said Mater, and als of the
 “ Act and Ordinance of the Lordis of secreit Counsell
 “ grantit thairupon; and siclyke, in respect of the ernist
 “ Insisting of the Aduocates desyring Proces and richt
 “ Sute of the said Erle *Bothwellis* ernist Petitioun and De-
 “ fyre of Tryall to be had in the said Mater, with Ad-
 “ vyse of the Lordis and Barrounis Assessoris present,
 “ fand be Interlocutor, that Proces suld be deducit in the
 “ said Actioun this Day, conforme to the Lawis of this
 “ Realme, notwithstanding the Wryting and Protestati-
 “ on producit be the said *Robert Cuninghame*; and als ad-
 “ mittit him to concur and assist to the said Aduocatis, in
 “ Persute of the said Actioun, gif he pleisit.

Followis

Followis the Copyis of the Letteris and Wrytingis send to the Quenis Majestie be the said Erle of *Lennox*.

I Render maist humble Thankis unto zour Majestie, for zour gracious and comfortabill Letter quhilk I haue ressauid the XXIV. Day of this Instant. And quhairas I persaif be the same, yat it is zour Majesteis Plesure to remit the Tryall of yis lait odious Act to the Tyme of ane Parliament, pleisit zour Majestie, althocht I am assurit zour Heichnes thinkis the Tyme als lang as I do, till the Mater be tryit, and the Authoris of ye Deid condingly punischt, zit I fall humblie craif zour Majesteis Pardone, in troubling zour Heichnes sa oft thairin as I do, for the Mater tuiches me sa neir, beseikand zour Majestie maist humblie to accept this my simpill Aduise in gude Part, as followis. Quhilk is, That quhair the Tyme is lang to the Parliament, this Mater not being ane Parliament Mater, bot of sic Wecht and Opportunitie quhilk aucht rather to be with all Expeditioun and Diligence focht out and punischt, to the Exempill of the haill World, as I knaw zour Majesteis Wyfdome considderis the same far mair then my Wittis can comprehend, zit forsamekle as I heir of certane Tickettis yat hes bene
put

put on the Tolbuith Dure of *Edinburgh*, answering your Majesteis first and secund Proclamatiounis, quhilk names, in speciall, certane Persounis Deuyseris of the cruell Murther. I fall thairfoir maist humbly beseik your Majestie, for the Lufe of God, the Honour of your Majestie and your Realme, and Weill and Quyetnes of the same, that it will pleis your Majestie furthwith, not only to apprehend and put in sure Keiping the Persounis namit in the said Tickettis, bot als, with Diligence, to assemble your Majesteis Nobilitie, and then, be oppin Proclamatioun, to admonishe and requyre the Wryteris of the said Tickettis to compeir according to the Effect thair of, at the quhilk Tyme gif thay do not, your Majestie may be aduyfit of your Nobilitie and Counsell, releue and put to Libertie the Persounis in the Tickettis foirsaid: Sa fall your Majestie do ane honorabill and godly Act, in the bringing the Mater to sic ane narrow Point, as outhir the Mater fall appeir planely befoir your Majestie, to the Punischment of thame quha hes bene the Authoris of yis cruell Deid, or ellis ye said Tickettis fund vane in yairself, and the Persones quhilk ar sclanderit, to be exhonorit and put to Libertie at your Majesteis Plesure. Sa committis your Majestie to the Protectioun of almichtie God, quha preferue you in Helth and maist happy Raigne. Of *Howstoun* the XXVI. Day of *Februar*.

PLEISIT

PLEISIT zour Majestie, quhair zour Heichnes in
 zour last Letter to me wrytis, that gif thair be ony
 Names in the Tickettis that was affixit upon the Tolbuith
 Dure of *Edinburgh*, that I think worthie to suffer ane
 Tryall for the Murther of the King zour Majesteis Hus-
 band, upon my Aduertisment, zour Majestie suld proceed
 to the Cognitioun taking, as may stand with the Lawis of
 this Realme, and being fund culpabill, fall se the Punische-
 ment as rigorously executit as ye Wecht of ye Cryme
 deseruis. Pleisit zour Majestie, sen the Reissait of zour
 Heichnes Letter, I haue still luikit that sum of the bludy
 Murthereris suld haue bene oppinly knawin or now.
 And seing thay ar not zit, I cannot find in my Hart to
 conceill the Mater ony langer, bot let zour Majestie un-
 derstand the Names of thame quhome I greitly suspect,
 that is to say, the Erle *Bothwell*, M. *James Balfour*, and
Gilbert Balfour his Brother, M. *David Chalmers*, Blak
 Maister *Johne Spens*, Seinzeour *Frances Bastiane*, *Char-
 les de Burdeaux*, and *Joseph David's* Brother. Quhilk
 Persounis I fall maist inteirly and humblie beseik zour
 Majestie, that, according to my former Petitioun unto zour
 Heichnes, it will pleis not only to apprehend and put in
 sure Keiping, bot als with Diligence to assembill zour Ma-
 jesteis haill Nobilitie and Counsell, and then to tak sic
 perfite Ordour of the foirnamit Persounis, that thay may
 be

be justlie tryit, as I dout not, bot in fa doing, ye Spirite of God fall wirk in the said Mater, as the Treuth fall be knawin. Sa fall zour Majestie do ane maist godlie and honorabill Act for zourselb, being the Partie as ze ar. And ane greit Satisfactioun it fall be to all that belangis unto him yat is gane, quha was fa deir unto zour Heichnes. And now not doutit bot zour Majestie will tak Ordour in the Mater, according to the Wecht of the Caus, quhilk I maist humblie beseik, I commit zour Majestie to ye Protectioun of ye almichty God, quha preferue zow in Helth, lang Lyfe, and maist happy Reigne. Of *Howstoun* this XVII. of *Marche*.

The ASSYSE.

<i>Andro Erle of Rothies,</i>	<i>Laurence Lord Oliphant,</i>
<i>George Erle of Caithnes,</i>	<i>Jobne Maister of Forbes,</i>
<i>Gilbert Erle of Cassillis,</i>	<i>Jobne Gordoun of Lochinwar,</i>
<i>Lord Jobne Hammiltoun,</i>	<i>Robert Lord Boyde,</i>
<i>Commendater of Arbro-</i>	<i>James Cokburne of Lantoun,</i>
<i>ith, Sone to the Lord</i>	<i>Jobne Somerwell of Cambus-</i>
<i>Duke,</i>	<i>nethan,</i>
<i>James Lord Ros,</i>	<i>Mowbray of Barnebowgall,</i>
<i>Robert Lord Simple,</i>	<i>Ogilbye of Boyne.</i>
<i>Jobne Maxwell Lord Hereis,</i>	

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THE foirnamit Persounis of Assyse being chosin, admittit and sworne in Judgement, as Use is, and thairfoir the said Erle *Bothwell* being accusit be the said Dittay of the Cryme foirsaid, and the same being denyit be him, and referrit to the Delyuerance of the said Assises, thay remouit furth of ye said Court, and altogidder conuenit, and efter lang Reasoning had be thame upon the same Dittay, and Pointis thairof, thay and ilk ane of yame for thamefelfis, votit, delyuerit and acquytit the said *James* Erle *Bothwell* of Arte and Part of the said Slauchter of ye King, and Pointis of the said Dittay.

AND sen the said *George* Erle of *Caithnes*, Chanceler of the said Assyses, in his and yair Names askit Instrumentis, that nouthir the said Aduocatis, nor the said *Robert Cuninghame*, as hauand Commissioun of my Lord of *Lennox*, nor na utheris brocht unto yame ony Wryting, Takin, or Verificatioun quhairby the Dittay abone writtin might be fortifyit, nor the said Assyse perswadit to delyuer ony utherwise then is abone writtin; nor zit was the said Dittay sworne, nor na Partie, except the said Aduocatis, compeirit to persew the same, and thairfoir, in respect that thay delyuerit according to thair Knawledge, protestis yat thay suld incur na wilful Error in ony wyse heirefter. Quhilk Instrument and Protestatioun, immediatlie efter the Reentrie of ye said Erle of *Caithnes* Chan-

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celer,

celer, and ane Part of the namit of the said Persones of Affise, in ye said Court of Justiciarie, befor the Pronunciatioun of thair Delyuerance foirsaïd, at the Desyre of ye said Erle of *Caithnes*, was oppinly red in Jugement, and thairupon he of new askit Actis and Instrumentis, and protestis in Maner abone expremitt.

Extractum de libro actorum adjornalis S. D. N. Reginae, per me Joannem Bellenden de Auchnoule militem, clericum Justiciarie ejusdem generalem, sub meis signo & subscriptione manualibus.

Joannes Bellenden Clericus Justiciarie.

NOTE, that at the same Tyme Protestatioun was maid be George Erle of *Caithnes*, Chanceler of the said Affise, that the said Dittay or Indytment was not in this Point trew, *videlicet*, in alledgeing the Murther to be committit the IX. Day of *Februar*, for that in deid the Murther was committit the nixt Day, being the X. Day, in the Morning, at twa Houris efter Midnicht, quhilk in Law was, and aucht to be trewly accomptit the X. Day; and sa the Acquytall that way bot cauillously defendit.

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The Wrytingis and Letteris found in ye said Casket, quhilk ar auowit to be writtin with ye Quene of *Scottis* awin Hand.

CERTANE *Frenche* Sonettis writtin be ye Quene of *Scottis* to *Bothwel* befoir hir Mariage with him, and (as it is said) quhile hir Husband leuit, bot certanely befoir his Diuorce from his Wyfe, as ye Wordis thameselfis schaw, befoir quhome scho heir preferris hirself in deseruing to be belouit of *Bothwell*.

O Dieux, ayez de moy Compassion,
 Et ni enseignez quelle Prouue certain
 Je puis donner, qui ne luy semble vain
 De mon Amour & ferme Affection.
 Las! n'est il pas ia en Possession
 Du Corps, du Cœur, qui ne refuse Paine,
 Ny Deshonneur, en la Vie incertaine,
 Offense de Parentz, ne pire Affliction?
 Pour luy tous mes amis i' estime moins que rien,
 J'ay hazardé pour luy & Nom & Conscience;
 Je veux pour luy au Monde renoncer:
 Je veux mourir pour luy auancer.
 Que reste il plus pour Prouuer ma Constance?

*Entre ses Mains, & en son plein Pouvoir,
 Je metz mon Filz, mon Honneur, & ma Vie,
 Mon Païs, mes Subjectz, mon Ame assubieëtie,
 Est tout à luy, & n'ay autre Voulloir
 Pour mon Obieët, que sans le Decevoir
 Suiure je veux malgré toute l' Enuie
 Qu'issir en peult : Car je n'ay autre Enuie
 Que de ma Foy, luy faire appercevoir
 Que pour Tempeste ou Bonnace qui face,
 Jamais ne veux changer Demeure ou Place.
 Brief je feray de ma Foy telle Preuve,
 Qu' il cognoistra sans fainte ma Constance,
 Non par mes Pleurs, ou fainte Obeyssance,
 Comme autres ont fait, mais par diuers Espreuve.*

*Ille pour son Honneur vous doit Obeyssance,
 Moy vous obeyssant j'en puis recevoir Blasme,
 N'estant, à mon Regret, comme ille vostre Femme.
 Et si n'aura pour tant en ce Point Préeminence.
 Pour son Profit elle use de Constance,
 Car ce n'est peu d' Honneur d'estre d'voz Biens Dame ;
 Et moy pour vous aymer j' en puis recevoir Blasme :
 Et ne luy veux ceder en toute l' Obseruance.
 Elle de vostre mal n' a l' Apprehension,
 Moy je n' ay nul Repos tant je crains l' apparence.*

Par

*Par l' Advis des Parentz elle eut vostre Accointance,
Moy malgré tous les miens vous porte Affection,
Et de sa Loyauté prenez ferme Assurance.*

*Par vous, mon Cœur, & par vostre Alliance
Elle à remis sa Maison en Honneur;
Elle à jouy par vous la Grandeur
Dont tous les Siens n'ayent nul Assurance;
De vous, mon Bien, elle à eu la Constance,
Et à gagné pour un temps vostre Cœur.
Par vous elle à eu Plaisir en bon Heur,
Et pour vous à receu Honneur & Reuerence,
Et n'a perdu si non la Jouyssance
D'un fascheux Sot, qu'elle aymoît chèrement.
Je ne la playns d'aymer donc ardamment,
Celuy qui n'a en Sens, ny en Vaillance,
En Beauté, en Bonté, ny en Constance
Fioint de Seconde: Je vis en ceste Foy.*

*Quant vous l'amiez elle usoit de Froideur,
Sy vous souffriez pour s'Amour Passion,
Qui vient d'aymer de trop d'Affection,
Son Doig monstroît la Tristesse de Cœur,
N'ayant Plaisir ne vostre grand Ardeur,
En ses Habitx monstroît sans Fiection,*

Qu'

Qu' elle n'auoit Paour, qu' Imperfection
 Peust l' effacer hors de ce loyal Cœur.
 De vostre Mort je ne vis la Peaur
 Que meritoit tel Mary & Seigneur.
 Somme de vous elle à eu tout son Bien,
 Et n' à prisé ny jamais estimé
 Vn si grand Heur, si non puis qu'il n'est sien,
 Et maintenant dit l' auoir tant aymé.

Et maintenant elle commence à voir,
 Qu' elle estoit bien de mauuais Jugement,
 De n' estimer l' Amour d' vn tel Amant,
 Et voudroit bien mon Amy deceuoir
 Par les Escriptz tout fardez de Scavoir,
 Qui pcurtant n' est on son Esprit croissant,
 Ains emprunté de quelque Autheur eluissant.
 A faint tres bien vn Enuoy sans l' Auoir
 Et toutes fois ses Parolles fardez,
 Ses Pleurs, ses Plaincts, remplis de Fictions,
 Et ses hautz Cris & Lamentations,
 Ont tant gaigné qui par vous sont gardez,
 Ses Lettres escriptes ausquelz vous donnez Foy,
 Et si l' ayez, & croyez plus que moy.

Vous

Vous la croyez, las ! trop je l'appercoy,
 Et vous doutez de ma ferme Constance,
 O mon seul Bien, & mon seul Esperance,
 Et ne vous puis assurer de ma Foy.
 Vous m'estimez legier qui le voy,
 Et si n'avez en moy nul Assurance,
 Et soupconnez mon Cœur sans Apparence,
 Vous deffiant à trop grand tort de moy.
 Vous ignorez l'Amour que je vous porte,
 Vous soupconnez qu'autre Amour me transporte,
 Vous estimez mes Parolles du Vent,
 Vous depeignez de Cire mon, las, Cœur,
 Vous me pensez Femme sans Jugement :
 Et tout cela augmente mon Ardeur.

Mon Amour croist, & plus en plus croistra
 Tant que je viuray, & tiendray à Grandheur
 Tant seulement d'avoir part en ce Cœur,
 Vers qui en fin mon Amour paroistra,
 Sy tres à clair que jamais n'en doutra.
 Pour luy je veux recercher la Grandeur,
 Et feray tant qu'en vray cognostra,
 Que je n'ay Bien, Heur, ne Contentment,
 Qu'à l'obeyr, & servir loyaument.
 Pour luy j'attendz toute bonne Fortune.

Pour

*Pour luy je veux garder Santé & Vie,
 Pour luy tout Vertu de suyure j'ay Enuie,
 Et sans Changer me trouuera tout' vne.*

*Pour luy aussi je jette mainte l'arme,
 Premier quand il se fist de ce Corps Possesseur,
 Duquel alors il n'auoit pas le Cœur.
 Puis me donna un autre dur Alarme,
 Quand il versa de son Sang mainte Dragme,
 Dont de Grief il me vint lesser Doleur,
 Qui m'en pensa oster la Vie, & Frayeur
 De perdre, las, le seul Rempart qui m'arme.
 Pour luy de puis j'ay mesprisé l'Honneur
 Ce qui nous peult seul pouruoir de Bonheur.
 Pour luy j'ay hazardé Grandeur & Conscience,
 Pour luy tous mes Parentz j'ay quité, & Amis,
 Et tous autres Respectz sont apart mis.
 Brief de vous seul de cerche l'Alliance.*

*De vous je dis seul Soustien de ma Vie,
 Tant seulement je cerche m'asseurer,
 Et si ose de moy tant presumer,
 De vous gaigner malgré toute l'Enuie.
 Car c'est le seul Desir de vostre chere Amie,
 De vous seruir, & loyaument aymen,*

Et

*Et tous Malheurs moins que riens estimer,
 Et vostre Volonté de la mien future.
 Vous cognoistrez avecques Obeysance
 De mon loyal Devoir n' omettant la Sciance,
 A quoy je estudir ay pour tousiurs vous complaire,
 Sans aymer rien que vous, soubz la Subjection
 De qui je veux sans nulle Fiction
 Viure & mourir, & à ce je obtempere.*

*Mon Cœur, mon Sang, mon Ame, & mon Soucy,
 Las, vous m' avez promis qu' aurons ce Plaisir
 De deuiser avecques vous à Loysir.
 Toute la Nuiet, ou je languis icy,
 Ayant le Cœur de extreme Paour transy,
 Pour voir absent le But de mon Desir.
 Craint de Oublier un coup me vient à saisir:
 Et le autre fois je crains que rendurcie
 Soit contre moy vostre amiable Cœur
 Je ar quelque dit de un meschant Rapporteur.
 Vn autre fois je crains quelque Auenture
 Qui per chemin detourne mon Amant
 Par vn fascheux & nouveau Accident.
 Dieu, detourne toute malheureux Augure.*

*Ne vous voyant selon qu' avez promis,
 Je ay mis la Main au Papier pour escrire
 De vn Different que je voulu transcrire.
 Je ne scay pas quel sera vostre Aduis,
 Mais je scay bien qui mieux aymer scaura,
 Vous diriez bien que plus y gaignera.*

O Goddis, haue of me Compassioun,
 And schaw quhat certane Prufe
 I may give, quhilk fall not seme to him vane,
 Of my Lufe and feruent Affectioun.
 Helas! is he not alreddy in Possessioun
 Of my Body, of Hart that refusis na Pane
 Nor Dishonour in the Lyfe uncertane,
 Offence of Freindis, nor worse Afflictioun?
 For him I esteeme all my Freindis les than nathing,
 And I will haue gude Hope of myne Enemeis.
 I haue put in hafard for him baith Fame and Conscience,
 I will for his saik renounce the Warld,
 I will die to set him fordwart:
 Quhat remanis to gif Prufe of my Constancie?

IN his Handis and in his full Power
 I put my Sone, my Honour, and my Lyfe,
 My Countrie, my Subjectis, my Saule, all subdewit

To

To him, and hes nane uther Will
 For my Scope, quhilk without Dissait
 I will follow in spite of all Invy
 That may ensue: For I haue na uther Desyre,
 Bot to mak him persais my Faithfulnes,
 For Storme of fair Wedder that may cum,
 Neuer will it change Dwelling or Place.
 Schortly I fall giue of my Treuth sic Prufe,
 That he fall knaw my Constancie without Fictioun,
 Not be my Weiping, or fenzeit Obedience,
 As uther haue done, bot be uther Experience.

Scho for hir Honour awis zow Obedience:
 I in obeying zow may ressaif Dishonour,
 Not being (to my Displeasure) zour Wyfe, as scho;
 And zit in this Point scho fall haue na Preheminance.
 Scho usis Constancie for hir awin Profite,
 For it is na lytill Honour to be Maistres of zour Gudis.
 And I for luifing zow may ressaif Blame,
 And will not be ouercumbe hir in loyall Observance.
 Scho hes na Apprehensioun of zour Evill,
 I feir sa all appeiring Evill, that I can have na Rest.
 Scho had zour Acquittance be Consent of hir Freindis,
 I aganis all thair Will haue borne zow Affectioun;

And not the les (my Hart) ze dout of my Constance,
And of hir Faithfulnes ze haue firme Assurance:

BE zow (my Hart) and be zour Aliance
Scho hes restoirit hir Hous unto Honour,
Be zow scho is becum to that Greitnes
Of quhilk hir Freindis had never Assurance.
Of zow (my Welth) scho gat the Acquittance,
And hes conquest the same tyme zour Hart.
Be zow scho hes Plesure and gude Lucke,
And be zow hes restaut Honour and Reverence,
And hes not loist bot the Rejoyfance
Of ane unpleisand Fule quhilk scho luist deirly.
Then I moane hir not to lufe ardently
Him that hes nane in Wit, in Manheid,
In Bewtie, in Bountie, in Treuth, nor in Constancie,
Ony Second: I leif in the Beleif.

QUHEN ze luist hir scho usit Cauldnes,
Gif ze sufferit for hir Lufe Passioun,
That cummis to greit Affection of Lufe:
Hir Sadnes schew the Tristesse of hir Hart,
Taking na Plesure of zour vehement Burning.
In hir Cloithing scho schew unferment
That scho had na Feir, that Imperfection

Culd

Culd deface hir out of that trew Hart.
 I did not se in hir the Feir of zour Deith,
 That was worthy of sic Husband and Lord.
 Schortly scho hes of zow all hir Welth,
 And hes neuer weyit nor esteemit
 One sa greit Hap, bot sen it was not hers,
 And now scho sayis that scho luifis him sa weill.

AND now scho beginnis to se
 That scho was of verray euill Judgement
 To esteime the Lufe of sic ane Luifer,
 And wald fane dissaif my Lufe
 Be Wrytingis and paintit Leirning,
 Quhilk not the les did not breid in hir Branè,
 Bot borrowit from sum feat Author
 To fenze ane Sturt, and have nane.
 And for all that hir paintit Wordis,
 Hir Teiris, hir Plainets, full of Dissimulatioun,
 And hir hie Cryis and Lamentatiounis,
 Hes won that Point, that ze keip in Stoir,
 Hir Letteris and Wrytingis, to quhilk ze gif Traist,
 Zea, and luifis and beleuis hir mair then me.

Zow beleif hir (helas!) I persaif it to weill,
 And callis in dout my firme Constancie :

(O myne only Welth, and my only Hope)
 And I can not assure zow of my Treuth.
 I fe that ze esteeme me licht,
 And be na Way assurit of me,
 And dois suspect (my Hart) without ony appeiring Caus,
 Discrediting me wrangously,
 Ze do not knaw the Lufe I beir to zow.
 Ze suspect that uther Lufe transportis me.
 Ze think my Wordis be bot Wind.
 Ze paint my verray Hart as it wer of Waxe.
 Ze imagine me ane Woman without Judgement;
 And all that increffis my Burning.

My Lufe increffis, and mair and mair will increse
 Sa lang as I fall leif, and I fall hald for ane greit Felicitie
 To haue only Part in that Hart,
 To the quhilk at lenth my Lufe fall appeir
 Sa cleirly, that he fall neuer dout.
 For him I will stryve aganis wan Weird,
 For him I will recerfe Greitnes,
 And fall do mekle, that he fall knaw
 That I haue na Welth, Hap, nor Contentatioun,
 Bot to obey and serue him trewly.
 For him I attend all gude Fortune,
 For him I will conserue Helth and Lyfe,

For

For him I desyre to ensue Courage,
And he shall euer find me unchangeabill.

For him also I powrit out mony Teiris,
First quhen he maid himself Possessor of this Body,
Of the quhilk then he had not the Hart.
Efter he did giue me ane uther hard Charge,
Quhen he bled of his Blude greit Quantitie,
Throw ye greit Sorrow of ye quhilk come to me that Dolour
That almaist caryit away my Lyfe, and ye Feir
To tyne the only Strenth that armit me.
For him sen I haue despisit Honour,
The Thing only that bringis Felicitie.
For him I have hazardit Greitnes and Conscience,
For him I have forsakin all Kin and Freindis,
And set asyde all uther Respectis,
Schortly I seik the Aliance of zow only.

Of zow, I say, only Uphalder of my Lyfe,
I only seik to be assurit;
Zea, and dar presume sa mekle of my self,
To wyn zow in spite of all Invy:
For that is the only Desyre of zour deir Lufe
To serue and lufe zow trewly,

And

And fa to eſteme all wan Hap les then nathing,
 And to follow zour Will with myne,
 Ze fall knaw with Obedience,
 Not forzetting the Knowlege of my leill Dewtie,
 The quhilk I fall ſtudie to the Fine that I may ever pleis zow,
 Loving nathing bot zow, in ye Subjection
 Of quhome I will, without ony Fictioun,
 Leif and die; and this I conſent.

My Hart, my Blude, my Saule, my Cair,
 Helas! zow had promyſit that I ſuld have yat Pleſure
 To deuife with zow at Leyſure.
 All the Nicht quhair I ly and languiſche heir,
 My Hart being ouerſet with extreme Feir,
 Seing abſent the Butte of my Deſyre.
 Feir of forzetting ſumtyme takis me,
 And uther tymes I feir that luſeſum Hart
 Be not hardinit aganis me
 Be ſum Saying of ane wickit Reporter :
 Uther tymes I feir ſum Auenture,
 That be the Way ſuld turne abak my Luſe
 Be ſum troublous and new Accident.
 O God, turne abak all unhappy Augure.

No r feing zow as zow had promysit,
 I put my Hand to the Paper to wryte,
 Of ane Difference that I haue willit copy.
 I cannot tell quhat falbe zour Judgement,
 Bot I knaw weill quha can best lufe,
 Ze may tell quha fall wyn maist.

Ane Letter writtin be hir from *Glasgow* to *Both-*
well, proving hir Hait to hir Husband, and sum
 Suspiciounis of practising his Deith, quhilk Let-
 ter was writtin in *French*, and heir ensewis tran-
 flatit Worde for Worde.

*I*L semble qu' avecques vostre Absence soit joynt le Oubly,
 ceu qu' au partir vous me promistes de vos Nouvelles.
 Et toutes foyz je n' en puis apprendre, &c.

IT adpeiris, that with zour Absence thair is als wa joy-
 nit Forzetfulnes, seand yat at zour departing ze pro-
 mysit to mak me Aduertisement of zour Newis from
 Tyme to Tyme. The waitting upon yame Zisterday, cau-
 sit me to be almaist in sic Joy as I will be at zour retur-
 ning, quhilk ze haue delayit langer then zour Promeis
 was. As to me, howbeit I have na farther Newis from
 zow according to my Commissioun, I bring the Man

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with

with me to *Craigmillar* upon *Monunday*, quhair he will be all *Wednisday*, and I wil gang to *Edinburgh* to draw Blude of me, gif in the meane Tyme I get na Newis in ye contrarie fra zow. He is mair gay then euer ze saw him; he puttis me in Remembrance of all Thingis yat may mak me beleve he luifis me. Summa, ze will fay yat he makis Lufe to me: Of ye quhilk I tak fa greit Pleasure, yat I enter never where he is, bot incontinent I tak ye Seiknes of my fair Syde, I am fa troubillit with it. Gif *Paris* bringis me that quhilk I send him for, I traist it fall amend me. I pray zow aduertise me of zour Newis at lenth, and quhat I fall do in cace ze be not turnit quhen I am cum thair, for in cace ze wirk not wyfely, I se yat the haill Burding of this will fall upon my Schoulderis. Prouide for all Thing, and discourfe upon it first with zour self. I send this be *Betoun*, quha gais to ane Day of Law of the Laird of *Balfouris*. I will fay na farther, saifing that I pray zow to send me gude Newis of zour Veyage. From *Glasgow* this *Setterday* in the Morning.

Ane

Ane uther Letter to *Bothwell*, concerning the
 2) Hait of hir Husband, and Practise of his Mur-
 ther.

ESTANT party du Lieu ou je auois laissé mon Cœur,
il se peult aysément juger quelle estoit ma Conte-
nance, veu ce qui peult vn Corps sans Cœur, qui à esté
Cause que jusques à la Disnée je n' ay pas tenu grand
Propos, aussi Personne ne s' est voulu aduancer jugeant
bien qu' il n' y faisoit bon, &c.

BEING departit from the Place quhair I left my
 Hart, it is esie to be judgeit quhat was my Coun-
 tenance, feing that I was euin als mekle as ane Body
 without ane Hart, quhilk was the Occasioun that quhile
 Denner-tyme I held Purpois to na Body, nor zit durst ony
 present thamefelfis unto me, judging yat it was not gude
 fa to do. Four Myle or I come to the Towne, ane Gen-
 tilman of the Erle of *Lennox* come and maid his Com-
 mendatiounis unto me, and excusit him that he come
 not to meit me, be resson he durst not interpryse
 the same, becaus of the rude Wordis that I had spokin
 to *Cuninghame*, and he desyrit that he fuld cum to the
 Inquisitioun of ye Mater yat I suspectit him of. This last
 Speiking was of his awin Heid, without ony Commissi-

oun. I answerit to him, that thair was na Recept culd
 serue aganis Feir, and that he wald not be affrayit, in cace
 he wer not culpabill, and that I answerit bot rudely to the
 Doutis yat wer in his Letteris. Summa, I maid him hald
 his Tounge. The rest wer lang to wryte. Schir *James
 Hammiltoun* met me, quha schawit, that the uther Tyme
 quhen he hard of my cumming, he departit away, and
 send *Howstoun* to schaw him that he wald neuer haue be-
 leuit that he wald haue persewit him, nor zit accompanyit
 him with the *Hammiltounis*. He answerit, that he was
 only cum bot to se me, and yat he wald nouthur accom-
 pany *Stewart* nor *Hammiltoun*, bot be my Commande-
 ment. He desyrit that he wald cum and speik with him:
 He refusit it. The Laird of *Lusse*, *Howstoun*, and *Cald-
 wellis* Sone, with XL. Hors or thairabout, come and
 met me. The Laird of *Lusse* said, he was chargeit to
 ane Day of Law be the Kingis Father, quhilk fuld be this
 Day, aganis his awin Hand-writ, quhilk he hes. And zit
 notwithstanding, knawing of my Cumming, it is delayit.
 He was inquyrit to cum to him, quhilk he refusit, and
 sweiris that he will indure nathing of him. Never ane of
 that Towne come to speik to me, quhilk causis me think
 that thay ar his, and neuertheles he speikis Gude, at the
 leist his Sone. I se na uther Gentilman bot thay of my
 Company. The King send for *Joachim* Zisternicht, and
 askit

askit at him quhy I ludgeit not besyde him, and that he wald ryse the soner gif that wer; and quhairfoir I come, gif it was for gude Appointment, and gif ze wer thair in particular, and gif I had maid my Estait, gif I had takin *Paris* and *Gilbert* to wryte to me, and yat I wald send *Joseph* away. I am abaschit quha hes schawin him sa far, zea, he spak euin of ye Mariage of *Bastiane*. I inquiryt him of his Letteris, quhairintill he plenzeit of the Crueltie of sum; answerit, that he was astonischit, and that he was sa glaid to se me, that he beleuit to die for Glaidnes. He fand greit Fault that I was pensue. I departit to Supper. Yis Beirer wil tell zow of my Arryuing. He prayit me to returne, the quhilk I did. He declairit unto me his Seiknes, and that he wald mak na Testament, bot only leif all Thing to me, and that I was the Caus of his Maladie, becaus of the Regrait that he had that I was sa strange unto him. And thus he said, ze ask me quhat I mene be the Crueltie contenit in my Letter; it is of zow alone that will not accept my Offeris and Repentance. I confes that I haue failit, bot not into that quhilk I euer denyit, and siclyke hes failit to findrie of zour Subjectis, quhilk ze haue forgeuin. I am zoung. Ze wil say, that ze haue forgeuin me oft tymes, and zit yat I returne to my Faultis. May not ane Man of my Age for Lacke of Counsell fall twyse or thryse, or in Lacke of his Promeis, and at last re-

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pent himself, and be chastitit be Experience? Gif I may obtene Pardoun, I protest I fall neuer mak Fault agane. And I craif na uther Thing, bot yat we may be at Bed and Buird togidder as Husband and Wyfc, and gif ze wil not consent heirunto, I fall neuer ryse out of yis Bed. I pray zow tel me zour Resolutioun. God knawis how I am punischit for making my God of zow, and for hauing na uther Thocht bot on zow; and gif at ony Tyme I offend zow, ze ar the Caus, becaus quhen ony offendis me, gif for my Refuge I micht playne unto zow, I wald speik it unto na uther Body; bot quhen I heir ony Thing, not being familiar with zow, Necessitie constranis me to keip it in my Breist, and yat causes me to tyne my Wit for verray Anger. I answerit ay unto him, bot that wald be our lang to wryte at lenth. I askit quhy he wald pas away in ye *Inglis* Schip. He denyis it, and sweiris thairunto; bot he grantis that he spak with the Men. Efter this I inquiryt him of the Inquisitioun of *Hiegait*. He denyit the same, quhill I schew him the verray Wordis was spokin. At quhilk Tyme he said, that *Mynto* had aduertisit him that it was said that sum of the Counsell had brocht ane Letter to me to be subscrivit to put him in Presoun, and to slay him gif he maid Resistence. And he askit the same at *Mynto* himself; quha answerit, that he beleuit ye same to be trew. The Morne I wil speik to
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wald perfew him, at leift he fuld fell his Lyfe deir aneuch, bot he fufpectit na Body, nor zit wald not, bot wald lufe all yat I lufit. He wald not let me depart from him, bot defyrit yat I fuld walk with him. I mak it feme that I beleue that all is trew, and takis Heid thairto, and excusit my felf for this Nicht that I culd not walk. He fayis, that he fleipis not weil. Ze faw him neuer better, nor fpeik mair humbler. And gif I had not ane Prufe of his Hart of Waxe, and yat myne wer not of ane Dyamont, quhairin- till na Schot can mak brek, bot that quhilk cummis furth of zour Hand, I wald haue almaift had Pietie of him. Bot feir not, the Place fall hald unto the Deith. Remember in Recompence thairof, that ze fuffer not zouris to be wyn be that fals Race that will trauell na les with zow for the fame. I beleue thay haue bene at Schuillis togid- der. He hes euer the Teir in his Eye; he falutis every Body, zea, unto the leift, and makis pieteous Careffing un- to thame to mak thame haue Pietie on him. This Day his Father bled at the Mouth and Nofe; ges quhat Prefage that is. I haue not zit fene him, he keipis his Chalmer. The King defyris that I fuld give him Meit with my awin Han- d's; bot gif na mair Traift quhair ze ar than I fall do heir. This is my firft Journay. I fall end ye fame ye Morne. I wryte all Thingis, howbeit thay be of lytill Wecht, to the end that ze may tak the beft of all to iudge upon. I am
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in doing of ane Work heir that I hait greitly. Haue ze not Desyre to lauch to se me lie sa weill, at ye leist to difsembill sa weill, and to tell him Treuth betwix Handis? He schawit me almaist all that is in the Name of the Bischop and *Sudderland*, and zit I haue neuer twichit ane Word of that ze schawit me, bot allanerly be Force, Flattering, and to pray him to assure himself of me. And be pleinzeing on the Bischop, I haue drawin it all out of him. Ze haue hard the rest. We ar couplit with twa fals Races; the Devill finder us, and God knit us togidder for ever for the maist faithfull Coupill that ever he unitit. This is my Faith, I will die in it. Excuse I wryte evill, ze may ges ye Half of it; bot I cannot mend it, becaus I am not weil at Eis, and zit verray glaid to wryte unto zow quhen the rest ar fleipand, sen I cannot fleip as thay do, and as I wald desyre, that is, in zour Armes, my deir Lufe, quhome I pray God to preserve from all Evill, and send zow Repois. I am gangand to seik myne til ye Morne, quhen I fall end my Bybill; bot I am faschit that it stoppis me to wryte Newis of myself unto zow, becaus it is sa lang. Advetise me quhat ze haue deliberat to do in the Mater ze knaw upon yis Point, to ye end that we may understand utheris weill, that nathing thairthrow be spilt. I am irkit, and ganging to fleip, and zit I ceis not to scribe all this Paper in sa mekle as restis thairof. Waryit mot this po-

kische Man be that causes me haif sa mekle Pane, for without him I suld haue ane far plesander Subject to discourse upon. He is not ouer mekle deformit, zit he hes reffautit verray mekle. He hes almaist flane me with his Braith; it is worse then zour Uncle's, and zit I cum na neirer unto him, bot in ane Chyre at the Bed-feit, and he being at the uther End thair of.

THE Message of the Father in the Gait.

The Purpois of Schir *James Hammiltoun*.

Of that the Laird of *Lusse* schawit me of the Delay.

Of the Demandis that he askit at *Joachim*.

Of my Estait, of my Company, of the Occasioun of my Cumming, and of *Josepb*.

Item. The Purpois that he and I had togidder.

Of the Desyre that he hes to pleis me, and of his Repentance.

Of the Interpretatioun of his Letter.

Of *Willie Hiegaite's* Mater of his Departing.

Of Monsiure de *Leuingstoun*.

I had almaist forzet, yat Monsiure de *Leuingstoun* said in the Lady *Reres* Eir at Supper, That he wald drink to ye Folk yat I wist of, gif I wald pledge thame. And efter Supper he said to me, quhen I was lenand upon him

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warming me at the Fyre, Ze haue fair Going to se feik Folk, zit ze cannot be sa welcum to thame as ze left sum Body this Day in Regrait, that will neuer be blyth quhill he se zow agane. I askit at him, quha that was. With that he thrifit my Body, and said, that sum of his Fol- kis had sene zow in Fascherie, ze may ges at the rest. I wrocht this Day quhill it was twa Houris upon this Brace- let, for to put ye Key of it within the Lock thairof, quhilk is couplit underneth with twa Cordounis. I haue had sa lytill Time that it is euill maid; bot I fall mak ane fairer in the meane tyme. Tak heid that nane that is heir se it, for all the World will knaw it, becaus for Haist it was maid in yair Presence. I am now passand to my fascheous Purpois. Ze gar me dissemble sa far, that I haif Horring thairat; and ye caus me do almaist the Office of a Traitores. Remember how gif it wer not to obey zow, I had rather be deid or I did it; my Hart bleidis at it. Summa, he will not cum with me, except upon Conditoun that I will promise to him that I fall be at Bed and Buird with him as of befoir, and that I fall leif him na ofter: And doing this upon my Word, he will do all Thingis that I pleis, and cum with me. Bot he hes prayit me to remane upon him quhil uther Morne. He spak verray braisly at ye Beginning, as yis Beirer will schaw zow, upon the Purpois of the

Inglisemen, and of his Departing: Bot in ye End he returnit agane to his Humilitie. He schawit, amangis uther Purpōis, yat he knew weill aneuch that my Brother had schawin me yat Thing, quhilk he had spokin in *Striveling*, of the quhilk he denyis ye ane Half, and abone all yat euer he come in his Chalmer. For to mak him traist me, it behouit me to fenze in sum Thingis with him: Thairfoir, quhen he requeistit me to promise unto him, that quhen he was haill we fuld haue baith ane Bed, I said to him fenzeingly, and making me to beleue his Promis, that gif he changeit not Purpōis betwix yis and that Tyme, I wald be content thairwith; bot in the meane tyme I bad him tak heid that he leit na Body wit thairof, becaus, to speik amangis our selfis, the Lordis culd not be offendit, nor will Euill thairfoir: Bot thay wald feir in respect of the Boisting he maid of thame, that gif ever we aggreit togidder, he fuld mak thame knaw the lytill Compt thay tuke of him; and that he counfallit me not to purches sum of thame by him. Thay for this Caus wald be in Jelosy, gif at anis, without thair Knowledge, I fuld brek the Play fet up in the contrair in thair Presence. He said verray joyfully, and think zow thay wil esteeme zow the mair of that? Bot I am verray glaid that ze speik to me of the Lordis; for I beleue at this Tyme ze desyre that we fuld leif togidder in Quyetnes:

Quyetnes : For gif it wer utherwyse, greiter Inconueni-
 ence micht come to us baith then we ar war of ; bot now
 I wil do quhatever ze will do, and will lufe all that ze
 lufe, and desyris zow to mak thame lufe in lyke Maner.
 For sen thay feik not my Lyfe, I lufe thame all equallie.
 Upon yis Point this Beirer wil schaw zow mony smal
 Thingis. Becaus I haue ouer mekle to wryte, and it is lait,
 I give Traist unto him upon zour Word. Summa, he
 will ga upon my Word to all Places. Allace ! I never
 diffaut ony Body : Bot I remit me altogidder to zour
 Will. Send me Aduertisement quhat I fall do, and quhat-
 saeuer Thing fall cum thairof, I fall obey zow. Aduise to
 with zoursel, gif ze can find out ony mair secreit Inven-
 tioun be Medicine ; for he suld tak Medicine and the
 Bath at *Craigmillar*. He may not cum furth of ye Hous
 this lang Tyme. Summa, be all that I can leirne, he is
 in greit Suspicioun, and zit notwithstanding, he geuis
 Credite to my Word ; bot zit not sa far that he will
 schaw ony Thing to me. Bot nevertheles, I fall draw it
 out of him, gif ze will that I auow all unto him. Bot I
 will neuer rejoyce to defame ony Body that traistis in me :
 Zit notwithstanding ze may command me in all Thingis.
 Have na evill Opinioun of me for that Caus, be reffoun
 ze ar the Occasioun of it zoursel ; becaus, for my awin
 particular Revenge, I wald not do it to him. He geuis
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me sum Chekis of yat quhilk I feir, zea, evin in the Quick. He sayis this far, yat his Faultis wer publeist, bot yair is that committis Faultis, that beleuis thay will neuer be spokin of, and zit thay will speik of greit and small. As towart the Lady *Reres*, he said, I pray God that scho may serue zow for your Honour: And said, it is thocht, and he beleuis it to be trew, that I haue not the Power of myself into myself, and that becaus of the Refuse I maid of his Offeris. Summa, for Certanetie he suspectis of the Thing ze knaw, and of his Lyfe. Bot as to the last, how sone yat I spak Twa or Thre gude Wordis unto him, he rejoyfis, and is out of dout. I saw him not this Evening for to end zour Bracelet, to the quhilk I can get na Lokkis. It is reddy to thame, and zit I feir that it will bring sum Malhure, and may be sene gif ze chance to be hurt. Aduertise me gif ze will have it, and gif ze will haue mair Siluer, and quhen I fall returne, and how far I may speik. He inrages quhen he heiris of *Lethingtoun*, or of zow, or of my Brother. Of zour Brother he speikis nathing. He speikis of the Erle of *Argyle*. I am in Feir quhen I heir him speik; for he assuris himself yat he hes not ane evill Opinioun of him. He speikis nathing of thame that is out, nouthar gude nor euill, but fleis that Point. His Father keipis his Chalmer, I haue not sene him. All the *Hamiltounis* ar heir, that accompanyis me
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verray honorabilly. All the Freindis of the uther conveyis me quhen I gang to se him. He desyris me to cum and se him ryse ye Morne betyme. For to mak schort, this Beirer will tell zow the rest. And gif I leirne ony Thing heir, I will mak zow Memoriall at Euin. He will tell zow the Occasioun of my remaning. Burne this Letter, for it is our dangerous, and nathing weill said in it; for I am thinkand upon nathing bot Fascherie. Gif ze be in *Edinburgh* at the Resseit of it, send me Word sone. Be not offendit, for I gif not our greit Credite. Now feing to obey zow, my deir Lufe, I spair nouthir Honour, Conscience, Havarde, nor Greitnes quhatsumever, tak it, I pray zow, in gude Part, and not efter the Interpretatioun of zour fals Gude-brother, to quhome, I pray zow, gif na Credite aganis the maist faithfull Luifer that euer ze had, or euer fall haue. Se not hir, quhais fenzeit Teiris suld not be sa mekle praist nor estemit, as the trew and faithfull Trauellis quhilk I sustene for to merite hir Place. For obteneing of the quhilk aganis my Naturall, I betrayis thame that may impesche me. God forgiue me, and God giue zow, my only Lufe, the Hap and Prosperitie quhilk zour humble and faithfull Lufe desyris unto zow, quha hopis to be schortly ane uther Thing to zow, for the Rewaird of my irksom Trauellis. It is lait, I desyre neuer to ceis fra wryting unto zow; zit now, efter the kissing of
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zour Handis, I will end my Letter. Excuse my euill Wryting, and I reid it twyse ouer. Excuse that Thing that is scriblit, for I had na Paper Zisterday quhen I wrait that of ye Memoriall. Remember upon zour Lufe, and wryte unto hir, and that verray oft. Lufe me as I fall do zow.

Remember zow of the Purpois of the Lady *Reres*,
Of the *Inglismen*,
Of his Mother,
Of the Erle of *Argyle*,
Of the Erle *Bothwell*,
Of the Ludgeing in *Edinburgh*.

3 Ane Letter to *Bothwell*, concerning certane Takinis that scho send him.

*M*ONSIEUR, si l' Ennuy de vostre Absence, celuy de vostre Oubly, la crainte du Danger, tant prouué d' un chacun à vostre tant aymée Personne, &c.

*M*Y Lord, gif the Displesure of zour Absence, of zour Forzetfulnes, ye Feir of Danger sa promissit be everie ane to zour sa luifit Persone, may gif me Consolatioun, I leif it to zow to juge, seing the Unhap that
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my cruell Lot and continuall Misaduenture hes hetherto promysit me, following ye Misfortunes and Feiris as weill of lait, as of ane lang Time bypast, the quhilk ze do knaw. Bot for all that, I wil in na wise accuse zow, nouthur of zour lytill Remembrance, nouthur of zour lytill Cair, and leist of all of zour Promeis brokin, or of ye Cauldnes of zour Wryting, sen I am ellis sa far maid zouris, yat yat quhilk pleisis zow is acceptabill to me; and my Thochtis ar sa willingly subdewit unto zouris, that I suppois yat all that cummis of zow proceidis not be ony of the Causis foirsaid, bot rather for sic as be just and reffonabill, and sic as I desyre myself. Quhilk is the fynall Order that ze promysit to tak for the Suretie and honorabil Seruice of ye only Uphald of my Lyfe. For quhilk alone I will preferue the fame, and without the quhilk I desyre not bot suddane Deith. And to testifie unto yow how lawly I submit me under zour Commandementis, I haue send zow, in Signe of Homage, be *Paris*, the Ornament of the Heid, quhilk is the cheif Gude of the uther Memberis, inferring thairby that, be ye seising of zow in the Possessioun of the Spoile of that quhilk is principall, the Remnant cannot be bot subject unto zow, and with consenting of ye Hart. In Place quhairof, sen I haue ellis left it unto yow, I send unto yow ane Sepulture of hard Stane, collourit with Blak, sawin with Teiris and Bones.

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The Stane I compair to my Hart, that as it is caruit in
ane fure Sepulture or Harbor of zour Commandementis,
and abone all, of your Name and Memorie that ar thairin
inclofit, as is my Hear in this Ring, neuer to cum furth,
quhill Deith grant unto yow to ane Trophée of Victorie
of my Banes, as the Ring is fullit, in signe that yow haif
maid ane full Conqueis of me, of myne Hart, and unto
yat my Banes be left unto yow in Remembrance of your
Victorie and my acceptabill Lufe and willing, for to be
better bestowit then I merite. The Ameling that is about
is blak, quhilk signifyis the Steidfastnes of hir that fendis
the fame. The Teiris ar without Number, sa ar the
Dreddouris to displeis yow, the Teiris of your Absence,
the Disdane that I cannot be in outward Effect youris, as
I am without Fenzeitnes of Hart and Spreit, and of gude
Reffoun, thocht my Meritis wer mekle greiter then of
the maist Profite that euer was, and sic as I desyre to be,
and fall tak Pane in Condiounis to imitate, for to be be-
stowit worthylye under your Regiment. My only Wealth,
ressaif thairfoir in als gude Part ye fame, as I haue ressauid
your Mariage with extreme Joy, the quhilk fall not part
furth of my Bosum, quhill yat Mariage of our Bodyis be
maid in publict, as Signe of all that I outhier hope or de-
syris of Blis in yis World. Zit my Hart feiring to dis-
pleis yow as mekle in the reiding heirof, as I delite me
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in ye writing, I will mak End, efter that I haue kissit zour Handis with als greit Affection as, I pray God (O ye only Uphald of my Lyfe) to gif yow lang and blissit Lyfe, and to me zour gude Fauour, as the only Gude yat I desyre, and to ye quhilk I pretend. I haue schawin unto this Beirer that quhilk I haue leirnit, to quhome I remit me, knawand the Credite that ze gaif him, as scho dois that will be for euer unto zow humbill and obedient lauchfull Wyfe, that for euer dedicates unto zow hir Hart, hir Body, without ony Change, as unto him that I haue maid Possessour of Hart, of quhilk ze may hald zow assurit, yat unto ye Deith fall na wayis be changeit, for Euill nor Gude fall neuer mak me go from it.

W Ane uther Letter to *Bothwell*, of hir Lufe to him.

JAT veillé plus tard la haut que je n' eusse fait, si ce n' eust esté pour tirer cé que ce Porteur vous dira, que je trouue la plus belle Commodité pour excuser vostre Affaire qui ce purroit presenter, &c.

I Have walkit laiter thair up then I wald haue done, gif it had not bene to draw sum thing out of him, quhilk this Beirer will schaw zow, quhilk is the fairest Commoditie that can be offerit to excuse zour Affairis. I haue

promysit to bring him to him ye Morne. Put Ordour to it gif ze find it gude. Now, Schir, I haue brokin my Promeis, becaus ze commandit me nouthir to wryte nor send unto zow; zit I haue not done this to offend zow. And gif ze knew the Feir yat I haue presently, ze wald not haue sa mony contrary Suspiciounis in zour Thocht, quhilk notwithstanding I treit and chereis, as proceeding from the Thing in the Warld that I maist desyre, and seikis fastest to haif, quhilk is zour gude Grace: Of the quhilk my Behauour fall assure me. As to me, I fall neuer despair of it, and prayis zow, according to zour Promeis, to discharge zour Hart unto me: Utherwayis I will think that my Malhure, and the gude handling of hir that hes not ye third Part of the faithfull nor willing Obedience unto zow yat I beir, hes wyn, aganis my Will, yat Auantage ouer me, quhilk ye second Lufe of *Jason* wan; not that I will compair zow unto ane sa unhappy as he was, nor zit myself to ane sa unpietifull ane Woman as scho. Howbeit, ze caus me to be sumthing lyke unto hir in ony Thing that tuichis zow, or that may preferue and keip zow unto hir, to quhome only ze appertene: Gif it be sa that I may appropriate that quhilk is wyn thocht faithfull, zea, only luifing of zow, as I do, and fall do all the Dayis of my Lyfe, for Pane or Evill that can cum thair of. In Recompense of the quhilk, and of all the

Euillis

Euillís quhilk ze haue bene Caus of to me, remember zow upon the Place heir besyde. I craif with that ze keip Promeis to me the Morne; bot that we may meit togidder, and that ze gif na Faith to Suspiciounís without the Certanetie of thame. And I craif na uther Thing at God, bot that ze may knaw that Thing that is in my Hart quhilk is zouris, and that he may preserve zow from all Euill, at the leist sa lang as I haue Lyfe, quhilk I repute not precious unto me, except in sa far as it and I baith ar aggreabill unto zow. I am going to Bed, and will bid zow gude Nicht. Aduertise me tymely in the Morning how ze haue fairin, for I will be in Pane unto I get Worde. Mak gude Watch gif the Burd eschaip out of ye Caige, or without hir Meit. As ye Turtur I fall remane alone for to lament the Absence, how schort yat sa euer it be. This Letter will do with ane gude Hart, that Thing quhilk I cannot do myself, gif it be not that I haue Feir that ze ar in Sleiping. I durst not wryte this befoir *Joseph, Bastiane, and Joachim*, that did bot depart euin quhen I began to wryte.

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51 Ane uther Letter to *Bothwell*, concerning the Departure of *Margaret Carwod*, quha was preuie and ane Helper of all thair Lufe.

*M*ON Cœur, *belas ! fault il que la Follie d' une Femme, dont vous cognoissez assez l' Ingratitude vers moy, soit Cause de vous donner Desplaisir, &c.*

*M*Y Hart, allace! must the Foly of ane Woman quhais Unthankfulnes toward me ze do sufficiently knaw, be Cccasioun of Displesure unto zow, considdering yat I culd not haue remeid it thairunto without knawing it? And sen that I persauit it, I culd not tell it zow, for that I knew not how to gouerne myself thairin. For nouthier in that, nor in ony uther Thing will I tak upon me to do ony Thing without Knowlege of zour Wil, quhilk I beseik zow let me understand, for I will follow it all my Lyfe, mair willingly than zow fall declair it to me; and gif ze do not send me Word this Nicht quhat ze will that I fall do, I will red my self of it, and hasard to caus it to be interprysit and takin in Hand, quhilk micht be hurtfull to that quhairunto baith we do tend. And quhen scho salbe maryit, I beseik zow giue me ane, or ellis I will tak
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fic as fall content zow for thair Conditounis; bot as for thair Tounis or Faithfulnes toward zow, I will not answer. I beseik zow yat ane Opinioun of uther Persoun be not hurtfull in zour Mynde to my Constancie. Mistrust me, bot quhen I will put zow out of dout, and cleir my selfe. Refuse it not, my deir Lufe, and suffer me to mak zow sum Prufe be my Obedience, my Faithfulnes, Constancie, and voluntarie Subjection, quhilk I tak for the plesandest Gude that I micht ressaif, gif ze will accept it, and mak na Ceremonie at it, for ze culd do me na greiter Outrage, nor giue mair mortall Greif.

6/ Ane uther Letter send fra *Strivling* to *Bothwell*, concerning the Practise for hir Ravishment.

MONSIEUR, hélas! pourquoi est vostre Fiance mise en Personne si indigne, pour soupçonner ce qui est entierement vostre. J'eu rage, vous m'auiez promis, &c.

ALLACE! my Lord, quhy is zour Traist put in ane Persoun sa unworthie, to mistrust that quhilk is hail-ly zouris? I am wod. Ze had promysit me, that ze wald resolve all, and yat ze wald send me Word every Day quhat I suld do. Ze haif done nathing yairof. I aduertisit zow weill to tak heid of zour fals Brother in Law:

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He come to me, and without schawing me ony Thing from zow, tald me that ze had willit him to wryte to zow that that I fuld say, and quhair and quhen ze fuld cum to me, and that that ze fuld do tuiching him, and thairupon hes preichit unto me yat it was ane fulische Interpryse, and that with myne Honour I culd never mary zow, seing that being maryit ze did cary me away, and yat his Folkis wald not suffer it, and that the Lordis wald unsay yameselfis, and wald deny that thay had said. To be schort, he is all contrarie. I tald him, that seing I was cum fa far, gif ze did not withdraw zour self of zour self, that na Perswasoun, nor Deith itself fuld mak me fail of my Promeis. As tuiching the Place ze ar to negligent (pardoun me) to remit zour self thairof unto me. Cheis it zour self, and send me Word of it. And in the meane tyme I am seik, I will differ, as tuiching the Mater it is to lait. It was not lang of me yat ze haue not thocht thairupon in Time. And gif ze had not mair changeit zour Mynd sen myne Absence then I haue, ze fuld not be now to ask sic Resolving. Weill, thair wantis nathing of my Part, and seing that zour Negligence dois put us baith in the Danger of ane fals Brother, gif it succedit not weill, I wil neuer ryse agane. I send this Beirer unto zow, for I dar not traist zour Brother with thir Letteris, nor with the Diligence. He fall tell zow in quhat Stait I am, and judge

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ze quhat Amendment yir new Ceremoneis haue brocht unto me. I wald I wer deid, for I se all gais ill. Ze promysit uther maner of Mater of zour foirfeing, bot Absence hes Power ouer zow, quha haif twa Stringis to zour Bow. Dispatch the Answer yat I faill not, and put na Traist in zour Brother for this Interpryse, for he hes tald it, and is also all aganis it. God giue zow gude Nicht.

Ane uther Letter to *Bothwell*, for the Practise and Devise to excuse the Ravisching.

*D*U Lieu & l'Heure je m'en rapporte à vostre Frere & à vous. Je le suiuray, & ne fauldray en rien de ma Part. Il trouue beau coup de Difficultez, &c.

OF the Place and the Tyme I remit my self to zour Brother and to zow. I will follow him, and will faill in nathing of my Part. He findis mony Difficulteis: I think he dois aduertise zow thair of, and quhat he desyris for the handling of himself. As for the handling of myself, I hard it anis weill deuyfit. Me thinkis that your Seruices, and the lang Amitie, hauing the gude Will of ye Lordis, do weill deserue ane Pardoun, gif abone the Dewtie of ane Subject yow aduance yourself, not to constrane me, bot to assure yourself of sic Place neir unto me, that uther

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Admonitiounis or forane Perswasounis may not let me from consenting to that that ye hope your Service fall mak yow ane Day to attene: And to be schort, to mak yourself sure of the Lordis, and fre to mary; and that ye are constrainit for your Suretie, and to be abill to serue me faithfully, to use ane humbil Requeist, joynit to ane importune Actioun. And to be schort, excuse yourself, and perswade thame the maist ye can, yat ye ar constrainit to mak Persute aganis zour Enemeis. Ze sal say aneuch, gif the Mater or Ground do lyke yow, and mony fair Wordis to *Lethingtoun*. Gif ye lyke not the Deid, send me Word, and leif not the Blame of all unto me.

9 Ane uther Letter to *Bothwell* of ye Practise of his Ravischment, and to advise him to be strang to do it.

MONSIEUR, depuis ma Lettre escrete vostre beau Frere qui fust, est venu à moy fort triste, & m' a demandé mon Conseil de ce qu' il feroit apres demain, &c.

MY Lord, sen my Letter writtin, zour Brother in Law yat was, come to me verray sad, and hes askit me my Counsel, quhat he suld do efter to Morne, becaus thair be mony Folkis heir, and amang utheris the
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Erle of *Sudderland*, quha wald rather die, considdering the Gude thay haue sa laitlie reffaut of me, then suffer me to be caryit away, thay conducting me; and that he feirit thair suld sum Troubil happin of it: Of the uther Syde, that it suld be said that he wer unthankfull to haue betrayit me. I tald him that he suld haue resoluit with zow upon all that, and that he suld auoyde, gif he culd, thay that wer maist mistraitit. He hes resoluit to wryte thairof to zow be my Opinioun; for he hes abaschit me to se him sa unresoluit at the Neid. I assure myself he will play the Part of ane honest Man: Bot I haue thocht gude to aduertise zow of the Feir he hes yat he suld be chargeit and accusit of Tressoun, to ye end yat, without mistraiting him, ze may be the mair circumspect, and that ze may haue ye mair Power. For we had Zisterday mair then iii. C. Hors of his and of *Levingstoun's*. For the Honour of God, be accompanyit rather with mair then les; for that is the Principal of my Cair. I go to write my Dispathe, and pray God to send us ane happy Enterview schortly. I wryte in Haist, to the end ye may be aduyfit in Tyme.

Of the Billis of Proclamatioun, and Combat set
up be *Bothwell*, and the Answeris.

IMMEDIATELY efter ye Deith of the King, quha
was murtherit, and his Hous blawin up with Gunepowder, ye X. Day of *Februar* 1567. Proclamatioun was maid, Yat quhasaeuer culd bewray ye Murthereris of ye King, fuld haue Twa thousand Pund. Unto the quhilk Proclamatioun Replie was maid, and set up priuely upon ye Tolbuith Dure of *Edinburgh*, the XVI. of *Februar*, in this Maner.

BECAUS Proclamatioun is maid, quhasaeuer will reveill the Murther of ye King, fall haue Twa thousand Pound, I, quha haue maid Inquisitioun be thame yat wer the Doeris thair of, affirme, that the Committeris of it wer the Erle *Bothwell*, M. *James Balfoure*, the Persoun of *Flisk*, M. *David Chalmeris*, blak M. *Johne Spens*, quha was principal Deuifer of ye Murther, and the Quene assenting thairto throw the Perswasoun of the Erle *Bothwell*, and the Witchecraft of the Lady *Buckcleugh*.

UPON this, new Proclamatioun was maid ye same Day, desyring the Setter up of ye said Bil to cum and auow and subscriue the same, and he fuld haif ye Sowme promisit in
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the first Proclamatioun, and farther according to his Abilitie, and Sicht of the Quene and hir Counsell.

THE Answer thairunto was set up in ye Place foirsaid, the Morne efter, being the XIX. of ye same Moneth.

FORASMEEKLE as Proclamatioun has bene maid sen the setting up of my first Letter, desyring me to subscriue and auow the same; for Answer, I desyre ye Mony to be consignit into ane euinly Mannis Hand, and I fall compeir on *Sunday* nixt with foursum with me, and subscriue my first Letter, and abyde thairat. And farther, I desyre that Seinceour *Frances*, *Bastiane*, and *Joseph* the Quenes Goldsmith, be stayit, and I fall declair quhat euerie Man did in particulare with thair Complices.

To quhilk Bill na Answer was maid.

THE XIII. Day of *Apryll*, the Erle *Bothwell* cumming to the Sessiounis at *Edinburgh*, with Ansenze displayit, and ye Streit is full of armit Men of his Factioun, was arraynit of ye Murther of the King, and acquytit of ye same be ane perjurit Jury: Quhairupon he set up a Challenge to fecht, Hand to Hand, with ony Man (being na Persoun defamit) yat wald auow ye Mater. Heirunto Answer was maid be ane uther Bill set up in the same Place anone efter. That forasmekle as the said Erle *Bothwell* had set up a Wryting subscriuit with his awin Hand,

Hand, quhairby he did challenge ony Man (not defamit) that wald or durst say he was gyltie of the Kingis Deith, and thairwithall did gif the Lie in his Throt to him yat wald auow the Quarrel; a Gentilman, and a Man of gude Fame, did be yai Presentis accept ye Offer, and offeris and wald preif be the Law of Armes, yat he was ye cheif Author of yat foull and horribill Murther, albeit an Inqueist, for Feir of Deith, had slichtly quit him. And becaus ye King of *France* and ye Quene of *England* had be yair Ambassadouris desyrit, yat Tryall and Punishment micht be had for ye fame, he maist hartly yairfoir crauit of yair Majesteis, yat yai wald desyre of ye Quene his Souerane, yat be hir Consent yai micht appoint the Day and Place within yair Dominiounis, for ye Tryal yairof according to ye Law of Armes, in yair Presences, or in yair Deputis. Quhilk Day and Place he promysit be ye Faith of a Gentilman to appeir at, and to do his Deuoir, prouyding alwayis, yat yair Majesteis, be oppin Proclamatioun, fall gif Assurance to him and to his Company, to pas and repas throw yair Countreis, without Hurt or Impediment. Quhat just Caus he had to desyre ye King of *France* and ye Quene of *England* to be Judges in ye Cace, he remittit to ye Judgement of ye Reiders and ye Heirers, warning be yai Presentis ye rest of ye Murthereris to prepar thameselfis, for yai fuld haif ye
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lyke Offer maid unto yame, and yair Names geuin in Wryting, that thay micht be knawin to all Men.

The Confessioun of *Johne Hepburne*, zoung *Talla*, *Dagleische* and *Powrie*, upon quhome was Justice execute ye III. of *Januarie*, ye Zeir of God 1567.

JOHNE of *Bowtoun* confessit, yat IX. was at ye Deid doing, my L. *Bothwell*, ye Laird of *Ormistoun*, *Hob Ormistoun*, himself, *Talla*, *Dagleische*, *Wilsoun*, *Powrie*, and *Frenche Paris*, and that he saw na ma, nor knew of na uther Companyis.

Item. He knawis not uther bot that, that he was blawin in the Air, for he was handillit with na Mennis Handis, as he saw, and gif he was, it was with utheris, and not with thame.

Item. As tuiching Schir *James Balfoure*, he saw not his Subscriptioun, bot I warrant zow he was the principall Counsellar aud Deuyser.

Item. He said, I confes it is the verray Provydence of God, that hes brocht me to this Judgement, for I am led to it as ane Hors to the Stall, for I had Schippis prouydit to fle, bot culd not eschaip.

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Item. He said, Let na Man do Evill for Counsell of greit Men, or thair Maisteris, thinking thay fall save thame, for surely I thocht that Nicht that ye Deid was done, that althocht Knowledge fuld bene gottin, na Man durst haue said it was evill done, seing ye Hand-writtis, and acknow- ledgeing the Quenis Mynd yairto.

Item. Speiking of the Quene in the Tolbuith, he said, God mak all weill, bot the langer Dirt is hiddin, it is the stranger. Quha leuis, our Deithis will be thocht na Newis.

Item. Hindmest he confessit he was ane of ye principall Doeris of the Deith, and thairfoir is justly worthie of Deith, bot he was assurit of the Mercy of God, quha callit him to Repentance.

Item. Talla confessit *ut supra*, aggreing in all Pointis as concerning the Persounis, Number, and Blawing in the Air.

Item. He affirmit, that in *Setoun* my Lord *Bothwell* callit on him, and said, Quhat thocht thow quhen thow saw him blawin in the Air? Quha answerit, Allace! my Lord, quhy speik ze that, for quhenever I heir sic a Thing, the Wordis wound me to Deith, as thay aucht to do zow.

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Item. That same Tyme he saw Schir *James Balfoure* put in his awin Name and his Brotheris unto my Lord *Bothwellis* Remissioun.

Item. He knew of ye Deid doing Thre or Four Dayis or it was done, or thairby.

Item. He said, Efter that I come to the Court, I left the reiding of Goddis Word, and imbrafit Vanitie, and thairfoir hes God justly brocht this on me.

QUHAIRFOIR let all Men fle evill Company, and to traist not in Men, for reddy ar we to imbrace Evill, as reddy as Herdis to ressaue Fyre. And farther, in the Tolbuith he requyrit *Johne Brand* Minister of the Congregatioun, to pas to my Lord *Lindesay*, and say, My Lord, hartfully I forgive zour L. and als my Lord Regent, and all utheris, bot specially thame that betrayit me to zow, for I knaw gif ze culd haue sauit me, ze wald, desyring zow, as ze will answer befoir God in the latter Day, to do zour Diligence to bring ye rest quha was the Beginneris of this Wark, to Justice, as ze haue done to me, for ze knaw, it was not begun in my Heid, bot zit praysis God yat his Justice hes begune at me, be the quhilk he hes callit me to Repentance.

Item. *Dagleische* said, As God salbe my Judge, I knew nathing of the Kingis Deith befoir it was done, for

my Lord *Bothwell* gangand to his Bed, efter the taking of of his Hois, quhilk was stokkit with Velvot, *Frenche Paris* come and rowndit with him, and yairefter he taryit on me for uther Hois and Claithis, and his ryding Cloik and Sword, quhilk I gaue him, and heirefter come up the Gait to the Laird of *Ormistounis* Ludgeing, and taryit for him, and thairefter that he passit to ane Wynde befyde ye Blak Freiris, and come to the Slop of the Dyke quhair he gart me stand still: And, as God salbe my Judge, I knew nathing quhill I hard the Blast of Powder; and efter yis he come hame, lay down in his Bed, quhil M. *George Haket* come and knockit at the Dure. And gif I die for this, the quhilk God judge me gif I knew mair, quhat salbe done to thame quha was ye Deuyseris, Counsellaris, Subscriueris, and Fortifieris of it?

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Now judge, *Englischmen*, if it be gud to change
Quenis.

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Quhen rude *Scotland* hes vomited up ane Poi-
soun, must fine *England* lick it up for a Restorative?

O vile Indignitie!

Quhile your Quenis Enemy liveth, hir Dangir
continueth. Desperate Necessitie wyll dare the
uttermoſt.

O cruell Mercie!

O Ambitioun fed with Prosperitie, strengthened
with Indulgence, irritated with Adversitie, not to
be neglected, trusted, nor pardouned.

F I N I S.

The Examinations and Depositions of *William Powrie*, *George Dalglish*, *John Hay* younger of *Talo*, and *John Hepburn* of *Bowton*, concerning the Murder of the King, *Queen Mary's* Husband; with their Trial and Sentence: As also, the Declaration of *Nicolas Hubert* a *French* Man, commonly called *Paris*, in relation to that Murder and other Matters;

Who were all executed for the said Murder.

The Depositions of *William Powrie*.

Apud Edinburgum 23 Junii, An. Dom. 1567. in presentia Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

WILLIAME POWRIE, borne in *Kinfarnis*, Seruitor to the Erle *Bothwell*, deponis, That ye sam Day the King wes slane at Night, the Erle *Boithwell*, accompanyt with *James Ormestoune* of yat Ilk, *Hob Ormestoune* his Fader Bruther, *John Hepburne* of *Bolton*, and *Johne Hay* zounger, zeid togidder to an Counsele in ye nether Hall of ye said Erle *Bothwells* Ludgeing in ye Abbay, about Four Houris Eftirnone, or yairby, and re-

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manit yairin Twa Houris, or yairby ; quhat yai did or faid, he knawis not.

Item. Deponis, Yat *John Hepburne* of *Bolton*, at Ten Houres at Evin, commandit the Deponar and *Pat Wilsoun* to tak up ane Carriage of twa Maills and ane Tronk, and ye vthir an leddirin Mail, quhilks were lyand in the faid nethir Hall, quhilks the Deponar and the faid *Pat* put on and chargit upon twa Horfes of my Lordis, the ane being his fown Horfe, and carriit the fame to the Zet of the Enteres of the Black Friers, and yare laid the fame down, quhair the Erle *Bothwell*, acumpanit with *Robert Ormestoun* and *Paris*, called *French Paris*, and vtheris twa quhilks had Cloakes about yare Faces, met the faidis Deponar and *Pat Wilsoun*. And yat zoung *Tallo*, the Lard of *Ormestoune*, and *John Hepburne* of *Bolton*, wes awaitand vpon ye Deponar and *Pat Wilsoun*, within the faid Zet ; and yat yare the faidis thre Persouns within the faid Zet, reffaut the faids twa Charges, quhilks the Deponar knew to be Pulder, because the fame wes in fundry Polks within the faid Mail and Tronk ; and ye Deponar and faid *Pat Wilsoun* helpt yame in with the fame ; and the Powder being taken from yame, the faid *Johnne Hepburne* of *Bolton* sent this Deponar for Candell, and yat he coft Six Halpenny Candell fra *Georde Burnis* Wife in the *Cowgate*, and deliverit to the faid *Johnne* :

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And yat ye saids Persouns Reffavaris of the Powder, had ane Towel with them, with ane littil licht Candell; and the saids Persouns within the said Zet oppynit the Tronk and Mail, and tuck out the Polks with the Powder: And everie ane of yame tuck yane upon his Back, or under his Arm, and carryit the same away to the Back-wall of the Zaird yat is next the Trees, and yair the said Laird of *Ormestowne*, *Johnne Hepburne* of *Boltoun*, and zounge *Tallo*, reffavit the Pulder fra yame, and wald suffer the Deponar and his Marrow to pass na furdar. And quhen the Deponar and his Marrow came bak againe to the said Frier Zet, the twa Horfs that carryed the said Maill and Tronk war away, and zit yay carryit the saids Mail and Tronk again to the Abbay, and as yay came up the Black Frier Wind, the Quenes Grace was gangand before yame with licht Torches: And yat the Deponar and his Marrow being cumin to the said Erles Ludging in the Abbay, thai tarryit yare ane Hour or mair, and yan the said Erle came in, and immediatly tuk aff his Claythes yat wer on, viz. a Pair of blak Velvet Hoise, trussit with Silver, and ane Doublet of Satin of the same Maner, and put on ane vthir Pair of black Hoise, and ane Doublet of Canwes, and tuk his side rideing Cloak about him, and incontinent past furth, accompanyt with *French Paris*, the Deponar, *Georde Dagleish* and *Pat Wilsoun*, and came down

the Turnpike, and alang the Back-wall of the Quenes Garden, quhill yai came to the Back of the Cunzie-house, and the Back of the Stabillis, while thay came to the *Canongate*. And deponis, yat as yai came by the Gait of the Quenes South Garden, the twa Sentinellis yat stude at the Zet yat gangis to the utter Cloifs, speirit at yame, quha is yat? and yai answerit, Friends. The Centinel speirit, quhat Friends? and yai answerit, My Lord *Bothwells* Friends.

Item. Deponis, Yat yai come up the *Canongate*, and to the neither Bow, and findand the Bow steikand, *Pat Willson* cryet to *John Galloway*, and desirit him to opin the Port to Friends of my Lord *Bothwell*, quha came and oppynit the Port, and yai enterit, and zeid up aboue *Bassyntines* House on the South-side of the Way, and knockit at ane Staire, and callit for the Laird of *Orme-stone*, and *Robert Ormestone*, and nane answerit yame, and yai yan flippit down ane Cloifs beneith the Frier Wynd, and come to the Zet at the Black Friers, and enterit in at yat Zet, and zeid quhill yay come to the Back-wall and Dyke, quhaire the Deponar and *Pat Wilson* left the uthe-
ris Persouns before exprymit, with the Powder as said is, and yaire the Erle *Bothweille* past in over the Dyke, and bad the Deponar, *Pat Wilson*, and *Georde Dagleish* tarry still yair while he come backwart to them. And fur-
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der deponis, Yat yai tariit yare Half an Houre, and hard never Din of any Thing, quhill at last my Lord, accompanyit with zoung *Tallo*, and *Johnne Hepburne* of *Boltoune*, come to the Deponar, and vtheris twa Persons being with him, and evin as my Lord and thir Twa comes to the Deponar and his Marowis at the Dyke, thai hard the Crack, and thai past away togidder out at the Frier Zet, and finderit quhen yai came to the *Cowgait*, Pairt up the Blackfrier Wynd, and Pairt up the Cloifs which is under the Endmyllis Well, and met not quhill yai came to the End of the Bow, and zeid down ane Cloifs on the North Side of the Gait, to haif loppin the Wall of *Leith* Wynd, and yair my Lord thought it over heich, and came again aback to the Port, and caused cry upon *John Galloway*, and said yai war Friends of my Lord *Bothwilis*. And *John Galloway* ruse and let them furth, and syne yai past down *St. Mary's* Wynd, and down the back Zairds of the *Canongait*, and to the said Erles Ludging; and as yai past the Queens Guards before specifyit, sum Sentinells speirit at yame quha yai war, and yai answerit, yai war Friends of my L. *Bothweill*; and als speirit quhat Crak yat was, and yai answerit, yai knew not; and yat the Sentinels bid them, if yai were Servandis of my L. *Bothweill*, to gang yair Way.

My Lord come into his Ludgeing, and immediately callit for ane Drink, and tuk off his Cloathes incontinent, and zeid to his Bed, and tarriet in his Bed about Half an Hour, quhen Mr. *George Hacket* come to the Zet, and knocks, and desired to be in; and quhan he came in, he appeared to be in ane greit Effray, and was black as any Pik, and not ane Word to speik. My Lord enquirit, Quhat is the Matter, Man? And he answerit, The Kingis House is blawn up, and I trow the King be slayn. And my Lord cryet, Fy, Treasoun! And yan he raife and pat on his Claiths. And yarefter the Erle *Huntley* and mony came in to my Lord, and yai zeid into the Quenes House.

Item. Deponis, Yat upon the nixt Nicht efter, my Lord desyrit yis Deponar, *Pat Wilson*, *Georde Daglish*, the Laird of *Ormeistoun*, and *Hob Ormeistoun*, *John Hepburn*, and zoung *Tallo*, to keip thair Tongues cloifs, and yai fuld nevir want sa lang as he had, and yat he fuld send the Deponar and *Pat Wilson* to the Armitage, and yat yai fuld be honestly sustainit. And being inquirit, Gif this Deponar, at my Lord *Bothwells* Desyre, socht ane fyne Lunt of any of the Suddartis: And answerit, Yat he did the same, and gat a Piece of fine Lunt of Half a Faddome, or yareby, fra ane of the Suddartis, quhais Name he knawis not, and deliverit

deliverit to *Johne Hepburne* of *Boltoune*, upon *Saturday* before the Kingis Slaughter.

*Apud Edinburgum 3 Julii, An. Dom. 1567. in presentia
Dominorum secreti Concilii.*

WILLIAME *Powrie* re-examined, deponis, Yat the Carage of the Tronk and Mail contenit in his former Deposition, were carryed by him and *Pat Wilson*, upon ane gray Horfs yat pertained to *Herman Page* to my Lord, at twa fundry Tymes, and war carryed and conveyit by yaim into the Place containet in his former Deposit, and yat at the Frier Wynd Fute yis Deponar said to *Pat Willson*, at the conveying of the last Carriage, thir Words, *Jesu, Patt*, quhattin ane Gait is yis we are gangand? I trow it be not gude. And he answerit, Itrow it be not gude; but weist, hald zour Tongue.

Item. Depons, Quhan the Deponar and *Pat Willson* come to the Frier Zet with the last Convoy, and laid the same down, *Robert Ormestoune* come furth, and said thir Words. This is not gude like, I trow this Purpois will not come to this Nycht, I will in and se quhat yai are doing.

Item. Yareftir quhen the Powlder and Greath was carryed inwart, the Deponar tarryand at the Dyke, the Laird of
Ormistoun

Ormistoun of yat ilk came again, and said to *John Hepburne* and young *Tallo*, thir Words, (*Paris Frenchman* being with him) Be God it is fair in Field, cum of it quhat will, and bade the Deponar and *Pat Wilson* gang their Way; and at the same Tyme yat ye Deponar and *Pat Wilson* laid down the last Cariage at the said Frier Gait, the E. *Bothweill* came unto thame utwith the Frier Zet, accompanyit with Thre more, quhilks had yare Cloaks, and Mulis upon yair Feet.

Item. Deponis, Yat the saidis *Johnne Hepburne* of *Bolton*, upon *Saturday* at Evin befor the Kingis Slaughter, brought the Mail and Tronk quhairin the Powlder was, to the E. of *Bothwiles* Ludgeing, and laid in the same in the neither Hall: And the Deponar declaris, Yat at the last Horfe Cariage he bare up ane toome Poulder Barrel to the same Place yai carriet the Pulder, and yat he wist not how nor be quhome the same came in the Erle *Bothweils* Ludging in the Abby.

Item. Deponis, Yat upon the Morn eftir the Kingis Slauchter, viz. *Monunday*, *Johnne Hepburne* of *Boltoun* gat ane gray Horfe, Mr. *Young* of *Tallo* ane broun Horfs fra my L. *Bothweill*.

Item. Inquirit gyf *William Geddes* Deposition, being red to the Deponar, was trew; declairit the same was all trew, except the Deponar remembers not quhidder he bad and counsulit

counsulit this *Geddes* not to be - - - on the Grit
yat Nycht or not.

This is the trew Copy of the Depositions of the said
William Powry, maid in Presence of the Lords of
Secreit Counfall, concordand and agrieand with the
Principal remainand at the Office of Justiciary, col-
lationat be me Sir *John Bellenden* of *Auchnoule*,
Clerk of our Souerane Lordis Justiciarie, witnessing
my Sign and Subscription manual.

Joannes Bellenden Clericus Justiciarie.

The Deposition of *George Dalgleish*.

*Apud Edinburgum, 26 Junii, An. Dom. 1567. presenti-
bus comitibus de Mortoun & Athol, preposito de Dun-
dee, & domino de Grange.*

GEORGE *Dalglisb* Seruande in the Chalmer to the
Erle *Bothwell*, of the Aige of 27 Zeiris, or yareby,
&c. Deponis, Yat ye *Sunday* the King was flayne at
Nycht the E. *Bothwell*, accompanyit with the Laird of
Ormistoun of yat Ilk, *Hob Ormestoun* his Fader Bruther,
Johnne Hepburne of *Boltone*, *Johnne Hay* of *Tallo* zounger,
war togidder in the neither Hall of the said Eris Ludging

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in the Abby, about Four Houres in the Eftirnone, and remained yarein ane Hour and a Half, and quhat yai did knaws not, be reffoun the Deponar remainit for the maist Part in my Lords Chalmer.

Item. Deponis, Yat my Lord his Maister came to his Chalmer about 12 Hours at Evin, or yareby, and tuke of his Clayths, and chingit his Hois and Doublet, *viz.* ane Pair of Hoifs ftocket with black Velvet, pafementit with Silver, and ane Doublett of black Satin of the fame Manner, and put on ane vther Pair of black Hoifs, and ane Canwes Doublet white, and tuke his fide riding Cloak about him, of fad *Inglish* Claith, callit the new Colour. And incontinent the Erle, *French Paris*, *William Powry* Seruitor and Porter to the faid Erle, *Patt Wilfoun*, and the Deponar, zeid down the Turnepyke altogidder, and endlong the Bak of the Quenes Garden, quhill yow cum to the Bak of the Cunzie Houfe, and the Bak of the Stabillis, quhill zow come to the *Cannogate* foreanent the Abbay Zet. And depones, As yay came by the Entry of the Quenes South Garden, ane of the Sentinels yat ftude at the Zet yat gangis to the utter Cloifs, fpeirit at thame, Quhais that? Yai answerit, Friends; quhat Friends? Friends to my Lord *Bothwell.*

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Item. Deponis, Yai came up the *Canogait* to the Ne-
 thir Bow, quhilk wes steikit, and yat *Patt Willson* cryit
 to *John Galloway*, and bid him come down and oppin the
 Port and let yame in, and yat yai tarriet ane gude Quhile
 or *Galloway* came down to let yame in, and speirit at yame,
 Quhat did yow out of yair Beds yat Time of Night? and
 eftir yai enterit within the Porte, yai zeid up abone
Bassyntines House on the South-side of the Gait, and knockit
 at ane Dur beneth the Swordslippers, and callit for the
 Lard of *Ormestownes*, and one within answerit, he was not
 yare; and yai passit down a Cloifs beneth Frier Wynd,
 and enterit in at the Zet of the Black Friers, quhil thay
 come to the Bak Wall and Dyke of the Town Wall, quhair
 my Lord and *Paris* past in over the Wall, and commandit
 ye Deponar, *William Powry* and *Pati Willfoun*, to re-
 mayne still quhill yai came till yame, and quhatevir yai
 hard or saw, not to stir or depart quhill he cam againe:
 And yat yis Deponar and the uther Twa tarreit yair Half
 an Hour or yareby, and in the meyn time hard no Din of
 any Thing, quhill at laist my Lord, accompanyit with *John*
Hay zounger of *Tallo*, *Johnne Hepburne* of *Bolton*, come
 to the Deponar, and vtheris Twa, and evin as my Lord and
 yai Twa came to the Deponar and his Company, yai hard
 the Crack, and past all away togidder out at the Frier Zet,
 and funderit in the *Cowgait*. My Lord, *Johnne Hepburne*,

and *Pat Wilsonne*, *William Powrie* and the Deponar zeid up ane Wynd be-est the Frier Wynd, and crossit the Hiegait at the Nether Bow, to haif lopin the Wall at *Leith* Wynd, bot thai thocht the Wall over hich, and came agane to the Port; and my Lord caussit cry upone *Johnie Gallowsay*, and said, Yai were Servands of my Lord *Bothweill*; and yat he ruse and oppynit the Wickit, quha it wes yat ruse, *ignorat*: And syne yai passit down St. *Mary* Wynd, and down the Back of the *Cannygait*, and to the said Erles Ludging, and enterit be the same Turnpicke yat yai cam furth at. And as yai passit by the Quenes Gardens, ane of the Sentinels speirit, Quha yai war? And yai answerit, Yai war Friends of my Lord *Bothweill*. And so soon as my Lord came in his Ludging he cryit for ane Drink, and incontinent yarestir tuke off his Claythes and zeid to his Bed, and lay be the Space of Half ane Hour or yareby; and yat Mr. *George Hacket* came to the Chalmer about Half ane Hour eftir my Lord lay down. Quhan he came in, he aperit to be very effrayit, and my Lord speirit, Quhat is the Matter, Man? And he answerit, Yat he heard at the *Kirk of Field* like the Schot of ane Cannoun, and; as I hear say, the Kings House is blawin up, and I trow the King be flayne. And incontinent my Lord raife and pat on his Clayths, that is to say, the same Hoifs and Doublet yat he had on upon *Sunday*, quhilks wer Passements with Siluer, and sa fone

fone as my Lordis Clayths was on, he departit furth of the Chalmers, and the Deponar remanit still in the Chalmers.

THIS is the trew Copy of the Depositione of the said *George Dalglish*, maid in Presence of the Lordis before expremitt, concordand and agreeand with the Principall remayning at the Office of Justiciarie, collationat by me Sir *John Bellenden* Knight, Clerk of our Sovereigne Lordis Justiciary, witnessing my Signe and Subscription manual.

Joannes Bellenden Clericus Justiciarie.

The Deposition of *John Hay* younger of *Tallo*.

Apud Edinburgum 13 die mensis Septembris, An. Dom. 1567. in Presence of my Lord Regent, the Erles of Morton and Athol, the Lairds of Lochlevin, and Petarow, Mr. James Magyll, and the Justice Clerk.

THE quhilk Day, *John Hays* zounger of *Tallo* being examinit anent the Kingis Graces Murther, grantit and confessit himself culpable yareof, and as he wald answer before God, deponit and declarit the Erle *Bothwele* his Masters Pairt of the same, sa far as the Deponar knew, in Manner following, that is to say, That
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upon the 7 Day of *Februar* last bypast, before the Kingis Murther, therle *Bothweil*, within his Chalmer in his Ludging in the Abbay of *Halyrudhous*, schew to the Deponar the Purpose of the Kingis Murther, sayand their Words or siclike, *Johne*, this is the Mater, the Kingis Destruction is devysit, and I mon reveill it unto ye, for an I put not him down, I can not haif an Lyfe in *Scotland*, he will be my Destruction, and I reveill this to the as to my Freind, and gyf zow reveill it again, it will be my Destruction, and I fall seik yi Life first: And yarwith he gave the Deponar also diverse Admonitions, and also fair Promises to keip the Mater secret, and to take Part with him in the Kingis Slaughter, as he had devysit; and yat yareafter at Evin, in the Presence of *John Hepburn* callit of *Bolton*, the said Erle proponit the samyn Matter to the Deponar, quhilk *John Hepburn* was on the Counsaill yairof of before. And therle *Bothwell* said to the Deponar, I have devysit it in this Manner, and ye fall do the same, that is to say, He said in Presence of *James Ormystoun* of yat Ilk, and the said *John Hepburn*, thir Words, The Pulder mon be laid in the House under the Kingis Chalmer, quhaire the Queene suld lye, in an Barril, gyf it may be gottin within the Barril, and the same Barril fall haif an Hoill at the nether End yareof, and an Tre holit and howkit like an Troch put to the Hoill of
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the Barril, and an Lunt yareupon, quhilke fall be fyrit at the far End, and the unfyrit End laid in the Hoill of the Barril in the Pulder. And this Porpos fuld haif bene put in Execution upon the *Saturday* at Night, and the Matter fayllit yat Night, becaus all Thingis war not in Reddynes yairfor.

Item. Deponit, Yat upon *Sunday* yarefter, about thre or four Houres Afternone, in therle *Bothwells* nedder House in the Abbaye, the said Erle, *John Hepburn* of *Bolton*, and the Deponar, devysit yat my Lord fuld gang up to the said Laird of *Ormistons* Chalmer (like as he did) sua sone as it was mirk, and yat yare past with my Lord, quyet on Fute, *John Hepburn* of *Bolton*, the Deponar, and *Ade Murray* met yame, and sum utheris quham the Deponar remembers not, at the said Laird of *Ormistons* Stairefute of his Chalmer, above the Bow, on the South-syde of the Gait, and yat my Lord commandit the said *Ade* and utheris to pass to Mr. *John Spensis*, and remayne yare quhill he came to yame; and yat my Lord, *John Hepburn* of *Bolton*, and the Deponar, enterit in the said Laird of *Ormistons* Chalmer, quhair yai fand the said Lard, and *Hob Ormiston* his Fader Bruthir, and an Bruther of the Lards, quhais Name the Deponar knaws not, and was put to the Dur: And yair yai consullit quhat Gait yai fuld gang to the Kingis House, becaus yai had not

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tane Purpois yairupon of before : And syne yai zeid all down togydder to the Black Freir Zeit, and ye said Lard of *Ormiston* zeid in thow the awld Howfis and Wallis, and past and opynitt the said Freir Zet to my Lord, the Deponar, and the rest foresaid. And yat my Lord and the Deponar zeid up and down the *Kowgate*, quhile *Wille Powry* and *Pate Willson* brocht the Powder, quhilk was brocht at twa fundry Times, furth of the Abbay, from the Erlis Ludgeing, and yat the same was in a Tronk and an Mail, and was brought upon *Hermanis* Naig, and yat the Powder was reffavit in at the Black Freir Zeit be the said Lard of *Ormiston*, and *John Hepburn* of *Boltown*, and yat the samyn was born in be *Wille Powry*, *Pate Wilson* and the saids Lard of *Ormiston*, *Hob Ormiston* and the Deponar in the Trunk and Mail. And yarestir the Powder yat was in the Trunk, was taken furth of the same, and put in Polks, and the Powder yat was in baith the Tronk and Mail was caryit to the Kingis House in Polks.

AND it is of Veritie, that *Paris* the *French* Man was in the nedder House, under the Kingis Chalmer, and had an Key of the Backdowr, and then the said Lard of *Ormiston* past in at the said Dur, and spake with the said *Hob* his Fader Bruther, and with the said *Paris*, being both therein, and fand the Time convenient, and came furth

furth again, and tauld the samyn to the said Erle and his Cumpany ; and yat yai had with yame alswa a Tre and a Powder Barrel, for to have done as said is, but the Barrel was so miekle, it could not be gottin in at the Duur ; and yan yay tuk all the Polks and carried yame within the said laich House, and temit yame on the Flour in an Heip, and the Polks weir taken furth again, and yat my Lord was in the House afoir, and had left the said *Paris* yarein, and the said *Hob* standand at the Dur awaitand upon yair Coming : And yat the said Lard of *Ormistone* said to the said *John Hepburn*, Ze ken now quhat ye haif to do quhen all is quyet abone zow, fyre the End of the Lunt, and cum zour Way. And yarestir the said Lard of *Ormiston* past his Way with *Hob* with him, and *Paris*. *John Hepburn* and ye Deponar taryit still within the said laich House a certain Space, and *Paris* lockit the back Dur, and the Dur yat passet up the Turnpike to the Kingis Chalmer, quhair the King, the Quene, and ye Erle *Bothwell*, and vthers were, and passit up to yame, levand behind him the said *John Hepburn* and the Deponar lockit in the said nedder House ; and as the Deponar believes, *Paris* shew the Erle *Bothwell* that all Things were in Readiness, and syne sone yarestir, the Quene and the Lordis returnit to the Abbay, my Lord *Bothwell* being in her Cumpany ; and yarestir the Erle *Bothwell*, accum-

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pányit with *Paris* and *Georde Dalglish*, came to the back Zard, and the said *Hepburn* quha had twa Keyis of the back Dur, lichtit the Lunt, and came with the Deponar, and lockit the Durris after yame, and fand the Erle of *Bothwell* in the Zaird, quha speirit at yame, gyf they had done that quhilk he had biddin yame, and fyrit the Lunt; and yai answerit yat it was done. And efter my Lord and thai tarryit in the Zaird ane lang Tyme: And quhen my Lord saw yat ye Matter came not hastily to pass, he was angre, and wald have gen in himself in the House, and the said *John Hepburn* stoppit him, saying thir Wordis, Ze neid not. And my Lord said thir Wordis, I will not gang away quhile I see it done; and within ane schort Space it fyrit, my Lord, *John Hepburn*, the Deponar, and *Paris* being gangang at the Fute of the Aley in the said Zard, and quhen they saw the House riseand, and heard the Crack, they ran their Way, and come down the Wynd fra the said Freir Zett; and yat my Lord yarestir past to the Wall at *Leith* Wynd, to have past over it, but because he thocht it over hich, he sturrit yairwith, and came back again to the neddir Bow, and past furth at the Port, after *Johnne Hepburne* had cried upon *John Gallaway* Porter, and causit him oppin the Port; and that the saids *John Hepburn* and *Georde Dalglish* passit afore with my Lord, and sone yarestir, the Deponar and *Paris* followit,

lowit, and the Deponar passit to his Bed in *John Hepburns* in the *Canongait*, and my Lord passit to his awin Ludgeing in the Abbay.

The Deposition of *John Hepburn*, called *John of Bowton*.

Apud Edinburgum 8 die mensis Decembris, An. Dom. 1567. in Presence of my Lord Regent, the Erle of Athol, the Lord Lindsay, the Lard of Grange, and the Justice Clerk.

THE quhilk Day, *Johnne Hepburn*, callit *Johnne of Bowtoun*, being examinitt upon the Kingis Murther, grantit himself culpable and gilty yairof, and as he wald answare before God, deponit and declaryt the Erle of *Bothweile* his Mastiers Part of the samyn, so far as the Deponar knew in this Matter, that is to say, The first Tyme yat evir the Erle of *Bothwile* spake yis Matter of the Kyngis Murther to the Deponar, was ane Day or twa aftir the bringing of the Powder furth of *Dunbar*, at quhilk Tyme he said to the Deponar in this Manner, Thair is ane Purpois divisit amongs some of the Noblemen, and amongs the rest, yat the Kinge shall be slane, and

that every ane of us fall send twa Servandis to the doing yarof, owther on the Fields, or otherwise as he may be apprehendit; and yan desirit ye Deponar to be ane of the Entreprysers for him; quhais Answer was, Yat it was ane evill Purpois, and zit, because he was Servand and Cou- signance to his Lordshyp, he wald do as vtheirs wald, and put Hand to it. One the Morne yarestir, he callit *James Ormiston* of that Ilk, the Deponar and *John Hay* zounger of *Tallo*, and break the Purpois to yame, and maid the like Declaratioune to yame, yat vthir Noblemen had as far Enteres as he in yat Matter; and yai maid to him evin sic Answer as he had done. Quhether my Lord had schewed yame ye Purpois of befoir or not, ye Deponar knawes not. Swa every Day yare was tauking amongis yame of the samyn Purpois, quhill within twa Dais before ye Murther, yat the said Erle changed Purpois of the slaying of the Kinge one the Feildes, because yan it wald be knawn, and schew to yame quhat Way it mycht be usit better be ye Pulder. And on the *Sunday*, in the Glomring before Nicht, ye 9 Daie of *Februar* last bepast, the Deponar send ye said *Jobne Hayes* Man for ane tome Poulder Barrel to the Man quhilk *Jobne Haye* had coft the same fra, yat dwells above *Sandie Bruces* Cloise Heid. At Even my Lord suppit in Maister *Jobne Balfours* Hous, quhare the Bischop of *Argyle* maid the Banket, and estir

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Supper my Lord came up the Gait, and yai all with him to the said Lard of *Ormestonis* Chalmer, quhair ye Deponar and *Jobne Haye* past in, and fand the said Lard and *Hob Ormisloun* his Fader Bruther; and as ye Deponar rememberis, yat was the first Time yat *Hob* knew of yat Matter, and yare yai spake togidder, and my Lord schewit yame ye Maner: And the Deponar, the said Lard of *Ormestone*, *Hob Ormisloun*, and *Jobne Haye*, past to the Fute of the black Freir Wind, haveing sent away *Willie Powry* and *Pate Wilsone* for the Poulder. And before yar comming furth of the said Chalmer, my Lord departit with his Servandis, quhair ye Deponar knawes not. And the saids Foure being togidder, as is befoir wryttin, at the Fute of the Freir Wind, the said *Willie Powry* and *Pate Wilsone* cum agene with the Poulder, quhilk was brocht at two Times in ane Tronk and ane Mail, and yai carreit it in at black Freres Zet, and quhen yai war changing ye Pulder furth of the Tronks in Polks, my Lord come and speirit, Gyf all was redy, and bad yame haist before the Queene come furth of the Kingis House, for gyf she come furth before yay ware redy, yay wald not find sic Commodity. And yan ye Pulder being put in Polks, the saids Laird of *Ormistone*, *Hob Ormisloun*, this Deponar, *Jobne Haye*, *Willie Powry*, and *Pate Wilsone* turfit up the Poulder to the Kingis House, and

and fand *Paris* at the Dur, quha openit the samyn, and yay assayit to haue taken in the said Barrell, and it wald not gang in at the Dur, and yan yai listit the samyn, and brocht it back to the Zaird, and had in the Pouder, and tuming it furth of the Polks in ane Bing and Heip upon the Flur, evin directly under the Kingis Bed ; and yan ye said Laird of *Ormeestone*, *Hob Ormiston*, and *Paris* past away, and left the Deponar and *John Hay* within the said House, quhilks tarryit yarein quhill eftir twa Houres after Mydnight, and yan tuk ane Lunt, with ane litle Tre quharon it lay, and placit ye same, ye ane End in the Pouder, and fyrit ye vthir End, and cam yair Way, and lockit ye thre Duris behind yame ; and at yair cuming furth to the Zaird, yay fand my Lord *Bothwell*, *Geordie Dalgleish*, *Pat Wilson*, and *Willie Powry* ; and my Lord speirit at them, Gyf yay had done all Things as was ordourit : And yai said, Zea ; and yai tarryit upon ane Quarter of ane Hour yaireftir, and my Lord thocht lang, and speirit gyf yair was ony Part of the House yat they mycht se the Lunt gyff it was burnand anouch, and yai said, Yare wes nane but ane Wundo quhilk wes within ye Clois, and as they war speeking upon it, the House begouth to take Fyre and blew up, and yai ran away, and cum up black Freir Wind, and zeid down ane Clois to haif gottin over the broken Wall at *Leith* Wind, but my Lord thocht
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it over heich to loup, because of his fair Hand, and swa returnit to ye neddir Bow, and walkynit *John Galloway* Portar, quham yai gart cum down and opin the Zet; and *Willie Powry*, *Paris*, and *John Haye*, zeid evin down the *Cannongait*, and my Lord, the Deponar, *Pat Wilson*, and *Georde Dalglish*, zeid down Saint *Mary* Wind, and behind the Zairds unto my Lordis Ludgeing in the Abby. And in yair byganging, Twa of the Watchis spirit, quhat yai were; and ye Deponar answerit, We are Servands of the Erle *Bothweill*, gangand to him with News out of the Town; and swa my Lord passit to his Bed, and yis Deponar lay down in ane Bed in ye Hall. And sone yareftir Mr. *George Hackett* came in, quha told, Yat the House of the *Kirk of Field* was blawin up in the Air, and the King flane. And within short Space yairafter my Lord *Huntley* came in, and my Lord *Bothweill* rais and put on his Claithis, and passit into the Queenis House. And the Deponar tarryit sum Tyme yareftir, and cumand furth, fand the Abbay Zeit closit, and yan ye Deponar fand the said *John Hay* in his Bed in *John Hepburns*, and lay down with him.

Item. Deponis, Yat yare wes Fourteen false Keys maid for oppyning of all the Lockes of the Dures of the Kingis Ludgings at the *Kirk of Field*, quhilk the Deponar, eftir

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the comitting of the said Murther, keist in the Quarie Hole
betwix ye Abbay and *Leith*.

THIR ar ye true Copies of the Depositionis of the
said *John Hays* zounger of *Tallo*, and *Jobne Hep-*
burne callit of *Boutoune*, maid in Presence of my
Lord Regent, and the Lords before mentionit, in
Manner befoir expremitt, concordant and agreand
with the Originalis, quhilks are remainand in the Ju-
sticiarie, collationate be me Sir *John Bellenden* of
Auchinoul, Knight, Clerk of our Soverane Lordis Ju-
sticiary.

Joannes Bellenden Clericus Justiciarie.

The Tryal and Sentence of the saids *William Pow-*
rie, *George Dalglish*, *John Hay*, and *John*
Hepburn.

Curia justiciarie S. D. N. regis, tenta & inchoata in
prætorio de Edinburgh tertio die mensis Januarii, anno
Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo septimo, per
honorabilem virum magistrum Thomam Craig, justitia-
rium deputatum nomine nobilis & potentis domini Ar-
chebaldi comitis Argadiæ, domini Campbell & Lorne,
justiciarii

*justiciarii generalis dicti S. D. N. R. totius regni sui
generaliter constituti. Sectis vocatis & curia affir-
mata.*

THE quhilk Day, *John Hepburne* callit of *Bolton*,
John Hays apperand of *Tallo*, *William Powrie*
and *George Dalglish*, being present in Judgement in the
said Court, to be accusit of the Dittay astir-specifeit, were
putt to the Knowledge of the Persons underwritten, quhilk
were lawefully summoned to pass upon yair Asize, choisin
and admittit be thameselues, and sworn to deliver upon
the Points of the said Dittay, *viz.*

<i>John Lockart</i> of the <i>Bar</i> ,	<i>John Stoddart</i> yair,
The Laird of <i>Caprinton</i> ,	<i>William Strang</i> ,
<i>James Campbell</i> of <i>Chankstoun</i> ,	<i>James Freeman</i> Burges of
<i>Heugh Wallace</i> of <i>Carnell</i> ,	<i>Edinburt</i> ,
The Laird of <i>Mochrum</i> ,	<i>Heugh Brown</i> yair,
<i>William St. Clare</i> in Gos-	<i>Charles Geddes</i> ,
foird,	<i>John Watson</i> ,
Laird of <i>Gastoun</i> ,	<i>James Aickman</i> .
<i>Robert Gray</i> Burges of <i>Edin-</i>	
<i>burt</i> ,	

AND immediately astir the chesing and swering of the
saids Personis of Assys, as Use is, the foresaid *John Hep-*
burne,

burne, *John Haye*, *William Powrie*, and *George Dalglishe*, being accusit be Dittay, oppinly read in Judgement, of the Crymes following; and eftir the Reding alswa in Jugement of certane Answeris and Depositionis maid be thame of before at particular Examinationis of yame upon ye saidis Crymes, quhilks yai recognoscit, and confessit to be of Verity in Presence of the saidis Personis of Assys, the said Personis of Assys removit furth of the said Court, and all togidder convenit and reffonit upoun the Pointis of the said Dittay, togidder with ye saidis Depositionis, and syne being yairwith rypely avysit, reinterit in the said Court of Justiciarie, and yair, in Presens of the said Justice-depute, be yair Deliverance pronouncit and declarit be ye Mouth of the Spekir *John Lockart* of the Bar, Chancilar of the said Assys, fand and deliverit the saids *John Hepburne*, *John Hay*, *William Powrie*, and *George Dalglishe*, to be culpable, fylit, and convict of Art and Part of the cruel, shamefull, tresonabill, and abhominabill Slauchter and Murther of umquhill the Kingis Grace, Fadir to our Sovereane Lord, in his awin Ludging for the Tyme, within the Burgh of *Edinburt*, besyde the *Kirk of Field*, quhair he was lyand in his Bed, taking the Nychts Rest, treasonably risand Fyre within the same, with ane grite Quantitie of Pouder, through Force of the quhilk the said haill Lugen wes raisit and blawin in the Air, and his Grace wes murderit

derit trefonably, and maist cruelly flane and destroyit by yame yarein: And als, for Art and Part of the crewall Slauchter and Murthor of umquhil *William Tailzor* his Graces Servitour, and umquhil *Andro Macaig*, trefonably throw raising of the said Fyre, as said is, committit in the Company with *James* sumetime Erle *Bothwell*, now Rebel, and declarit Traitor in Parliment, and at the Horn, in the Moneth of *Februarie* last bypast, under Seilence of Nycht, upon sett Purposes, Provisioun, and forthought Felonye.

AND thairfoir the said Justice-depute, be Dome pronuncit be the Mouth of *Andro Lindesay* Dempstare of the said Court of Justiciarie, decernit, ordanit, and adjudgit the saidis *Johnne Hepburne*, *Johnne Haye*, *Williame Powrye*, and *George Dalglish*, to haif comittit the Crymes of Tresoun and lese Majestie; and as manifest Traytours to be demanit as followis, that is to say, the said *Johnne Hepburne*, *John Haye*, *Williame Powrye*, to be hangit to the Deid on ane Gibbet at the Mercat Croce of *Edinburt*, and yair Heddis, Leggis, and Armis to be cuttit from yair Bodies, and put up and hangin (as for Example) on the Portis of *Edinburgh*, and vther Portis of the principall Borrowis of yis Realme, and yair Bodies to be brynt and consumit in Fyre besyde the said Gibbet. And the said *George Dalgleish* to be hangeit to the Deid, and his Heid to be cuttit fra his Bodye, and put upon the Port of

Edinburgh. And siclyke, decernit and ordanit the saidis Personis, and ilk ane of yame, to haif foirfaulted and tynt all and fundrye yair Landis, Heritages, Possessionis, Talkis, Steddingis, Lyfe-rentis, Actionis, Debtis, and all vthers yair Guds, Moveables, and Unmoveables, to be inbrocht, and remaine with oure Soverayne Lord, as his Escheat.

Extractum de libro actorum adjournalis S. D. N. Regis, per me Johannem Bellenden de Auchinoule, militem, clericum justiciariae ejusdem generalem, sub meis signo & subscriptione manualibus.

Johannes Bellenden Clericus Justiciariae.

The Examination and Declaration of *French Paris*.

A Sanctandre, le 10 jour d' Aoust 1569. Nicholas Howbert dict Paris a esté interrogué sur les Articles & Demands qui s' ensuivent, &c. & premierement.

INTERROGUE quant premierment il entra en credit avec la Royne. *Resp.* Que ce fust comme la Royne fust a *Kalendar* allant a *Glasgow*, qu' alors elle luy baylla une Bourse la ou il avoit envyron ou 3 ou 400 Escus, pour la porter a Monsieur de *Boduel*, lequel aprez auoir receu la dicte Bourse sur le Chemin entre *Kalendar* &

& *Glasgow* luy dict, que le dict *Paris* s'en allast avec la Royne, & qu'il se tint pres d'elle, & qu'il regardast bien a ce qu'elle feroit lui disant que la Royne luy donneroies des Lettres pour les luy porter, la Royne estant arriuee a *Glasgow* luy dict, je t'envoyera a * *Lisbourg*, tient toy prest, & ayant demeure la deux Jours, avec lad. Dame laquelle escript des Lettres & a luy les bailla dyfant, vous dires de bouche a Monf. de *Boduel* qu'il baille ces Lettres qui s'adressent a Monf. de *Lethington* a lui mesmes, & qu'il parle a lui, & voyes les parler ensemble & regardes la faſſon de faire & qu'elle miene ilz feront car c'est ce disoyt elle pour scavoir lequell est meillour pour loger le Roy a *Craigmillar* ou a *Kirk a Field*, a fin d'auoyr bon Air car s'il logeoyt a l'Abbay, le Prince pourroit bien prendre sa Maladie a Cause que ces Seruiteurs ne pourroyent s'en garder d'aller veoyr le Prince : En oultre qu'il dict aud. de *Boduel* que le Roy la vouloyt bayser mais elle ne pas voullu de peur de sa Maladye, chose que *Rayres* en tesmoigneroit bien; & plus (ce dict elle) vous dires a Monf. de *Boduel* que je ne vais jamais vers le Roy que *Rayres* n'y est & voyst tout ce que je fais. *Item.* La Royne lui dict, *Paris* hastez vous de revenir car je ne bougeray d'ici, jusques au Temps que m'aures raporte la Responce.

E S T A N T

* i. e. *Edinburgh.*

ESTANT led. *Paris* arryué a *Lislebourg*, trouue led. de *Boduel* en son Logis a l'Abbay, lequel lui dist. Ha *Paris*, tu es le bien venue. Monsieur dict il voici des Lettres que la Royne vous envoie & aussi a Monsieur de *Liddington*, vous priant de les luy deliurer, & que je vous vis parler ensemble pour veoir vostre faſſon de faire & comment vous accordiez ensemble, fort bien dict il, car j'ay ce jourdhuy parlé a lui, & lui a donne vne Haquiene. Le lendemain led. *Paris* dict quil vint au Logis dud. *Boduel* par trois fois le chercher, a 8, 9 & 10 Heures & ne le ſceut jamais trouuer, mais a la fin *Powrie* le Portier lui dist qu'il alaſt chercher, a la haulte Ville que par adventure il le trouueroit, en quelque lieu & l'ayant cherché il voit venir une Troupe de Gens de vers le *Kirk de Field*, la ou eſtoit led. Sieur de *Boduel* & Monſ. *Jacques Balfour* coſte a coſte ensemble lesquels s'en alloyent dîner au Logis dud. Monſ. *Jacques*. Led. *Paris* pria Monſ. de *Boduel* de le deſpecher vers la Royne, apres dîner dit il je le feray, & quant il retourna querir ſa deſpeche apres dîner il trouua le Sieur de *Boduel* & led. Mr. *Jacques* ſeuls Teſte a Teſte en une Chambre, & led. Sieur de *Boduel* qui eſcrivit de ſa propre Main, & apres auoir faiſt, il dict a *Paris*, voyla la reſponſe retourne t'en a la Royne & me recommandes bien humblement a ſa bonne Grace, & lui dictez que tout ira bien,

bien, car Mons. *Jacques Balfour*, & moy n'auons dormis toute la Nuit, ains auons mis ordre en toute & auons apresté le Logis, & dites a la Royne que je lui enuoye ce Diamant que tu lui porteras, & que si j'auois mon Coeur je le luy enuoyerois tres volontiers, mais je ne l'ay pas moi: Va t'en a Mons. de *Ledington*, & lui demandez s'il veult rescrire a la Royne, ce que led. *Paris* faicte & le trouue a la Chambre des Comptes, & lui demande s'il plaist rendre la Responce aux Lettres de la Royne, que Mons. de *Boduel* lui auoit bailees. Oui (dit il) & la dessus il prend du Papier incontinent & escript, & quant faict, led. *Paris* lui dict que la Royne l'auoit commandé de lui demander lequel de deux Logis seroit le meilleur pour le Roy, car elle ne bougera de là jusques a ce qu'il auroyt rapporte sa Responce; led. *Ledington* lui respondit que le *Kirk de Field* seroit bon, & led. Sieur de *Boduel* & lui avoient Advisé ensemble la dessus. Ainsi led. *Paris* partit pour s'en aller a *Glasgow* vers la Royne & estant de retour a *Lislebourg* & auoir faict son Message qui lui estoit donné desd. Seig. de bouche la Royne lui demande, s'il avoient veu parler Mess. de *Boduel* & *Lidington* ensemble dict que non, mais que Mons. de *Boduel* lui auoit dict qu'ils avoient parler de bon Visage ensemble, & que led. Sieur de *Ledington* estoit du tout a lui & que le Logis estoit prest.

Item:

Item. Comme elle retournoit de *Glasgow* vers *Lislebourg* avec le Roy a *Kallander* il s'adresse un Homme de Monf. *Boduel* aud. *Paris* & lui baille une Lettre pour la presenter a la Royne, ce qu'il fist, laquelle lui demande sy l'Homme estoit seur, je pense dit il Madame qu'il neust voulu vous envoyer un Homme qui ne fust seur; la dessus en allant, elle rescript une Lettre & y mist dedans un Anneau & la lui bailla, pour la bailler aud. Homme porter, chose qu'il fist, pour la rapporter aud. Seig. de *Boduel*. Apres la Royne & le Roy estans a *Lythgow*, elle dit au *Paris* qu'elle voulust mettre *Gilbert Curle* Valet de Chambre chez le Roy pource qu'il estoit de bon Esprit a fin de veoir ce qu'il feroit, car elle ne se fyoit point a *Sande Durham*. Dud. lieu *Johan Hay* fust par elle despeche vers Monf. de *Boduel*, auquel elle parle assez long Temps; en apres aussi *Paris* avecques des *Brasseletz* aud. Sieur *Boduel*. Led. *Paris* arrivant a *Lislebourg* lui baille les *Brasseletz*, lequel Seigneur estoit prest a monter a Cheval pour a aller trouver le Roy & la Royne, avecques lequel led. *Paris* alla au deuant le Roy, lequel ils conduirent jusques a son Logis a *Kirk a Field*.

INTERROGUE s'il scauoit aucune privauté entre la Royne & *Boduel* durant le Temps que le Roy gyfoit a *Kirk a Field*. Respond, que Monf. *Boduel* lui auoit dict que toutes les nuits *Jehan Hepburne* feroit le griet sous les

les Galleries a *Saincte Croix*, cependant que Lady *Reires* iroit bien tard le querir pour l'amener a la Chambre de la Royne, lui defendant assauoir a *Paris* sur la Vie de ne dire que sa Femme estoit auueques lui.

INTERROGUE si sauoit de l'Entrepris du meurtre du Roy depuis son Arrivement a *Kirk a Field* jusques au jour de l'Execution. Respond, que non autrement que ce qu'il en a deja depose en sa Deposition faicte le 9^{me} de cemois, en adjoustant que le jour que Mons. de *Boduel* lui auoit communiqué le fait de meurtre du Roy qui fust le mesme jour que la Royne couchast au Logis du Roy a *Kirk a Field* (ainsi comme il en souuient fort bien) & comme led. *Paris* vouloit dresser le liest de la Royne en sa Chambre qui estoit droicte soubz la Chambre du Roy, aynsi que Mons. de *Boduel* lui auoit commandé lors qu'il parle avecques luy au trou la ou il se descaschoit pour fair ses Affaires, led. Sieur de *Boduel* defendist aud. *Paris* de ne dresser le liest de la Royne droit soubz le liest du Roy car je y veulx mettre la Pouldre en cest endroit la ce dict il cette nuit la apres que le liest fust dressé en la Chambre de la Royne ce que je fis au mesmes en droit la ou il me fust defendu par led. de *Boduel*, la Royne me dict, Sot que tu es, je ne veulx pas que mon liest soyt en cest endroyt la & de faict le feist oster, par lesquels paroles j'ay apperceu a mon Esprit qu'elle auoit

Cognoissance du faict, la dessus, je prins la Hardiesse de lui dire, Madame, Monf. de *Boduel* m'a commandé de lui porter les clefs de vostre Chambre & qu'il a Envie d'y faire quelque chose, c'est de faire sauter le Roy en l'air, par Pouldre qu'il y fera mettre, ne me parle poynt de cela ceste heurecy, ce dict elle fais en ce que tu voudra. La dessus je ne essaya parler plus avant : A ceste heurecy je commence a considerer que j'estois employez en ce faict meschant. Auparavant par paroles conuertes & desguises estant envoye de *Glasgow* vers Monf. de *Boduel* pour savoir lequel des Logis estoient le meilleur, & par ce aussi qu'il ma respondu alors quant il me renvoye vers la Royne, vous la dires si elle vous demand ce que j'ay fais que je veille toute ceste Nuite & Monf. *Jacques Balfour* pour aprestre le Logis du Roy.

ESTANT interrogue, si la Royne passoit plus oultre ceste nuit sur ce Purpos la, dict que non, mais le pressayt apres plus fort que jamais, de parler a elle du propos de Monf. de *Boduel* de sa Femmes & des autres choses & estant couche ne dormoyt poynt toute la nuit, ains escriuoit des Lettres a Monf. de *Boduel* & les envoye par led. *Paris* au Sieur de *Boduel* enuiron l'onze a douze Heures de nuit, mais rien de creance. Et ayant deliure ceste Lettre aud. Sieur de *Boduel* il rescrit estant au liect, & en baillant la Responce aud. *Paris*, il lui dict, dites a la
 Royne

Royne que je ne dormiray point que je ne ascheve mon Entreprise, quant je deburoys trayner la Pique toute ma Vie pour l'Amour d'elle.

ESTANT de retour vers la Royne *Vendredy* au Matin, luy ayant raccompte ces mesmes Paroles que luy avoyt dictes Monf. de *Boduel* hé bien *Paris* ce dict elle (en riant) il n'en viendra jamais sy Dieu plaist a ce poynt la; & se disoyt elle estant au liect. Et comme elle s'abilloit led. *Paris* prend les deux Clefs de la Chambre de la Royne selon le Commandement dud. Monf. de *Boduel* & les lui apport, lequel ayant fait sortir tout le Monde de sa Chambre prend la clef d'ung Coffre qu'il avoit en sa Pochette, & apres avoir ouuerte le dit Coffre entre des autres clefs contrefaictes toute neufues & en regardans les unes aupres des aultres, dict a *Paris*, ha! ouy elles sont bien, raport celles la & il remeist les contrefaictes dedans le Coffre.

ESTANT interrogue, s'il scauoyst qui auoit faicte & baillee les clefs contrefaicts aud. Sieur de *Boduel*. Respond, qu'il n'en scauoit rien si non que led. Sieur de *Boduel*, lui dist, qu'il auoit toutes les clefs des Portes de ce Logis la, & que lui & Maistre *Jacques Balfor* auoyent esté toute une Nuit pour chercher & scauoyr la meilleur Entrée; comne il a deja depose, mais cependant que led. *Paris* estoit absent avecques ses clefs, *Archibald Bethun*

Huissier demand les clefs, pour laisser sortir la Royne au jardin & ne les pouuant trouuer la Royne en fust fasche & dict tout haut a *Paris* a son retour, *Paris* pourquoy auez vous emporté les clefs de ma Chambre, lequel ne lui respondit mot sur l'heure mais apres la trouuant a part lui dist, ha Madame pourquoy m'auez vous dicté deuant le Monde que j'auois pris les clefs de vostre Chambre, voyant que vous scaues bien le pourquoy; ha ce dicté elle *Paris* c'est tout ung: Ne te soucie, ne te soucie, & d'autant qu'il en pourroit auoir bon Souuenance comme il dict que ce *Vendredi*, la Nuyt la Royne coucha en cores au Logis du Roy, & lui renvoya de reches porter des Lettres au Sieur de *Boduel*.

INTERROGUE, s'il auoyt rien entendu de ce purpos le *Sampmedy* au Matin. *Respond.* Que non, sy non que la Royne dist en Presence de ceulx de sa Chambre qu'il y auoit en quelque Querrelle entre le Roy & Mons. de *Sainct Croix* lequel auoyt bon moyen a ceste Heure la de tuer le Roy car il n'y auoit en la Chambre alors qu'elle pour les departir. Et dict oultre, qu'apres disner led. Sieur de *Bothuel* lui commande de prendre la clef de la Chambre de la Royne, chose qu'il n'auoit envie de faire, mais comme la Royne sortoit de sa Chambre, elle le regarde & lui commande de prendre la dite clef. Et au soyr la Royne estant a l'Abbay elle enuoy led. *Paris* vers Monsieur de *Bod-*

Boduel, lui commanda lui dire de bouche allez vous en a Monsieur de *Boduel*, & lui dictez qu' il me semble qu' il seroyt le mieulx que Monsieur de *St. Croix*, avecque *Guillaume Blackatre* aillent a la Chambre du Roy faire ce que led. de *Boduel* scait, & qu' il parle a Monsieur de *St. Croix* touchant ce Purpos car il seroit mieulx ainsy qu' autrement ; & pour ce ne feroit qu' un peu Prisonier dedans le Chasteau ; apres auoir led. *Paris* racompté ces faicts a Monsieur de *Boduel*, il lui dict, Je parlerois a Monsieur de *Sancte Croix*, & puis j' y irois parler moy mesme a la Royne. Led. *Paris* n' a Souuenance d' autre chose que ce feist ce jour la ; mais le reste est contenue en sa premiere Deposition. Jusque a ce que la Royne arriua en l' Abbaye, & Monsieur de *Boduel* s' estant aussi retiré en sa Chambre, avecque led. *Paris*, suruint Monsieur de *Hontely* en Compagnye de deux ou troys Seruiteurs, & ce par le chemin derriere l' Abbaye, qui mene droyt au Logis de son Monsieur de *Ruthven* ; & apres qu' ils auoyent parlé en l' oreille ensemble comme Monsieur de *Boduel*, avoit de ja commencé de changer ses Habillements, le dict *Boduel* deist apres au dit *Paris*, que Monsieur de *Hontely* c' estoit offerte d' aller avecques lui, mais qu' il ne le vouloyt mener, quant & lui ; & apres que Monsieur de *Hontely* ce fust partie pour aller coucher, led. de *Boduel*, prend le *Tailor* & *Paris* avecques lui comme il est dit en sa premiere Deposition
a ceste

a ceste Marque ✠. Le *Lundy* matin entre neuf & dix heures led. *Paris* dict qu' il entra dans la Chambre de la Royne la quelle estoyt bien close, & son liēt tendu du noire, enseigne de Dueil, & de la Chandelles allumes dedans la ruelle, ou Madame de *Briant* luy donnoit a dejeuner ung Ouf la, ou aussi Monsieur de *Boduel* arriue & parla a elle secretement soubz la Courtine. Ce jour la *Lundy* ce passe ainsi, sans ce que led. *Paris* parle a elle *Mardy* au matin elle se leue, & le dit *Paris* estant entré en sa Chambre, la Royne lui demanda (*Paris* qu' as tu) Helas ce dit il je vois que chacun me regarde de coste, ne te chaille, dit elle, je te feray bon Visage, Personne ne t' oseroit dire mot cependant, elle ne luy dit chose de Consequence jusques a ce qu' elle alloit a *Seton*, alors, elle luy commandait de prendre une Cassette ou il y auoit - - - - - que le Thesaurier luy auoit apporté de *France* pour la porter a la Chambre de Monsieur de *Boduel*, qui estoit a ceste heur la loge dedans le Palais, au dessus de la Chambre la ou se tenoit le Conseil & puis apres lui commanda de prendre son Coffre des Bagues, & les faire porter au Chasteau, & le deliurer entre les mains de Sieur de *Skirling* pour lors Capitaine soubz Monsieur de *Boduel*, chose qu' il feist, en apres elle voyant led. *Paris* tout fasché, elle pressoyt souuent de faire Seruice a Monsieur de *Boduel*, ce qu' il n' auoit envie de faire ains demandoit souuent son

Congé

Congé & voyant cela, a la fin elle luy dit, *Paris* allez vous conseiller avec Monsieur *Jacques Balfour*, c' est ung Homme d' esprit je moy suis consolée par plusieurs foys & me console de present.

Item. Interrogué du premiere privaute qu' il a cognoistre entre la Royne & Monsieur *Boduel*.

RESPOND, Que c' estoit alors que led. de *Boduel* conduysoit la Royne vers *Glasgow*, quant elle alloit querir le Roy a *Kalandar* apres souper assez tard Lady *Reyres* vint a la Chambre de Monsieur de *Boduel* & voyt led. *Paris*, la & demande, que faict ce *Paris* ici? C' est tout ung ce dit il *Paris* ne dira chose que je lui defend dire, & la dessus elle l' amene a la Chambre de la Royne, ceci c' estoit le soire deuant, que le lendemain la Royne envoya la Course par *Paris* aud. Monsieur de *Boduel*.

Item. En oultre il dit & declare qu' environ le Temps que led. de *Boduel* fust faict Duc, la Royne lui baillast le buffet & vesselle d' argent de Monsieur le Prince, la ou estoit ces Armoyries pour la porter a Monsieur de *Bothweille* lequel luy dict que c' estoit pour en faire oster la Marque de Prince, & y mettre la sienne ce qu' il delivra a ung qui a espouse une *Marguerite Hepbron*, (mais il ne scait bonnement son nom) lequel lui dit qu' il le debuoit bailler a Monsieur *Jacques Balfour* pour le faire faire.

Item. Il dict & confesse que la Nuyt auparauant que la Royne fust raye & enlevée dud. Sieur de *Boduel*, que Monsieur d'*Ormeston* vint parler a la Royne bien secretement a *Lythgow*. La dessus, la Royne rescript une Lettre par le dit *Paris*, & par ce qu' il ne scauoit bien le Chemin, la Royne le feist conduire par led. *Ormestone* chez Monsieur de *Saltoun* la ou led. Monsieur de *Boduel*, estoit en bonne Compagnée, & mesmes les Capitaines coucher aupres de luy & d' aultres. Et trouuent led. Seigneur de *Boduel* endormy l' esveilla, & luy dict, Monsieur voyla des Lettres que la Royne vous envoie, he bien *Paris* ce dit il couche toy la ung peu cependant je m' en vays escrire, & apres auoir escript & dict au dict *Paris*, recommande me humblement a la Royne & luy dictes que j' iray aujourd'hui la trouuer sur le chemin au pont.

Item. Estant interrogue, s' il fauoit pourquoy *Joseph* s' en alla de ce Pais. Respond, Que la Royne luy dict (*Paris*) il faut que tu controuueres quelque chose en ton esprit pour faire peur a *Joseph* a fin qu' il s' en aille, & voyant qu' il ne pouuoit rien faire elle luy dit, je feray faire une Lettre que tu perdras derrier luy pour luy faire peur mais lui ne pouuant ce faire, elle le feist dire par le Justice Clerk comme il peust qu' il eust a comparoistre au Parlement chose qu' il l' affroyast grandement & courut ca & la demandant son Congé, en fin la Royne baille neuf-vingt

vingt - - - a *Paris* pour les bailler a *Joseph* a fin qu' il s' en allast, ce qu' il fist, & aynsi ayant receu lad. Somme il s' en alla.

Item. Dict, que *Jehan Hay* souuent apres la Mort du Roy le conseilloit & le comfortoit bien, & qu' aultre ne le consoloit, que souuent comme Monsieur de *Huntly* le veoyt le voyant defait le demandoit, *Paris*, qu' as tu?

THIS is the true Copy of the Declaration of the said *Nicholas Hubert*, alias *Paris*, quhairof the Principal is markit every Lef with his own Hand, and the same being red again in his Presence, he avowit the same, and all Parts and Clauses thereof to be undoubtedly trew.

*Ita est Alexander Hay scriba secreti Consilii
S. D. N. Regis, ac notarius publicus.*

Four Acts of the Parliament of *Scotland*, holden
in *December* 1567. with a List of the Mem-
bers present in that Parliament.

*Parliamentum excellentissimi Principis Jacobi Dei gratia
Scotorum Regis, eius nominis Sexti, tentum & inchoatum
apud Edinburgh in prætorio ejusdem, die XV. mensis
Decembris, An. Dom. millesimo quingentesimo sexage-
simo septimo, per magnificum & excellentem dominum
Jacobum comitem Moraviae D. Abernethie, & dicti S.
D. N. Regis regni ac legiorum regentem, presentibus
tribus regni statibus.*

C A P. I.

*Anent the Dimissioun of the Crowne in Fauouris of our
Souerane Lord, and his Majesteis Coronatioun.*

I*TEM.* It is fundin and declarit be the Thre Estatis
and haill Bodie of this present Parliament, that the
Dimissioun and Over-geuing of the Crowne, and Re-
giment of this Realme, maid be the Quenis Grace, our
Souerane Lordis derrest Mother, be Vertew of hir Let-
teris of Commissioun and Procuratioun, subscriuit with hir
Hand, and vnder hir preuie Seill, of the Date the xxiiii.
Day

Day of *July* last bypast, was, and is, and shalbe in all Tymes cumming haldin, repute, and esteemit lauchfull, and perfyte, according to the said Commisshoun producit, auysit, and admittit be the saidis Thre Estatis. And als that the Coronatioun, and Inauguratioun of our said Souerane Lord, Sone to his said derrest Mother, and natieue Prince of this Realme, maid and solemnizat conforme to the said Commisshoun, at *Striuling* the xxix. Day of the said Moneth of *July*, be the Erles, Lordis, Prelatis, Commisshonaris of Burrowis, Barronis, and vtheris faithfull and trew Subjectis, assemblit and conuenit for that Effect, was dewlie, rychtly, and ordourly done, and execute, and als lauchfull and vailzeabill in the self in all Respectis, and his Majestie als rychteously inuestit, and possessit in this Kingdome as his said Mother, his Guidschir, Grandschir, or ony vther his maist nobill Progenitouris natieue Princes of this Realme wer, and hes bene of before, or as gif hir Grace (the Tyme of the said Coronatioun) had bene departit out of this mortall Lyfe, or had compeirit personallie in Presence of the haill Thre Estatis of this Realme, assemblit in Parliament and maid the said Dimissiou, notwithstanding ony Maner of Tytill, Actioun, or Enteres, or ony vther Thing that presentlie may or can hereafter be objectit in the contrare. And als ratifyis, appreuys, and confirmis the said Dimissiou, Coronatioun,

and Inauguration of our said Souerane Lord, and all Thingis done, or that heireftir fall happin to be done in his Hienes Name and Authoritie. Of the quhilkis Letters of Dimiffioun, and Constitution of Procuratioun, the Tennouris followis.

MARIE be the Grace of God Quene of *Scottis*,
 To all and findrie our Jugeis, and Ministeris of Law, Liegis, and Subiectis quhome it effeiris, to quhais Knowlege thir our Letteris fall cum, greting, Forfamekle as be lang, irksom, and tedious Trauell takin be vs in the Gouernament of this our Realme, and Liegis thairof, we ar fa vexit and weryit, that our Body, Spirite, and Sencis ar altogidder becum vnhabill langer to trauell in that Rowme. And thairfore we haue dimittit, and renuncit the Office of Gouernement of this our Realme, and Liegis thairof, in Fauouris of our onlie maist deir Sone, native Prince of this our Realme. And because of his tender Zouth, and Inhabilitie to vse the said Gouernement in his awin Persoun, during his Minoritie, we haue constitute our derrest Brother *James Erle of Murray, Lord Abirnetbie, &c.* Regent to our said Sone, Realme and Liegis foirfaidis. And in respect that our said derrest Brother is actualle furth of our Realme, and can not instantlie be present to accept the said Office of Regentrie vpon him,

him, and vse and exerce the famin, during our said derrest Sonis Minoritie: We, quhill his returning within our Realme, or in cais of his Deceis, haue maid, constitute, namit, appointit, and ordanit, and be thir our Letteris makis, constitutis, namis, appointis, and ordanis our traist Cousingis and Counsalouris, *James Duke of Chattle-rault*, Erle of *Arrane*, Lord *Hammiltoun*, *Matbo* Erle of *Leuinar*, Lord *Dernley*, &c. *Archibald* Erle of *Argyle*, Lord *Campbell* and *Lorne*, &c. *Johne* Erle of *Athole*, *James* Erle of *Mortoun*, *Alexander* Erle of *Glencarne*, and *Johne* Erle of *Mar*, Regentis to our said derrest Sone, Realme and Liegis. And in cais our said Brother *James* Erle of *Murray*, cum within our Realme, and refusis to accept the said Office of Regentrie vpon his singulare Persoun, we mak, constitute, name, appoint, and ordeine our traist Cousingis, and Counfallouris foirsaidis, and our said Brother, Regentis of our said deir Sone, Realme and Liegis. Geuand, grantand, and committand to thame or ony Fyue of thame, coniunctlie, full Powar for our said Sone, and in his Name to ressaue Resignatiounis of Landis, mak Dispositiounis of Wairdis, Nonentressis, Releuis, Mariageis, Benefices, Elshetis, Officis, and vtheris Casualiteis, and Priuilegeis quhatsumeuer concerning the said Office, Signatouris thairupon to mak, subscriue, and cause to be past through the Seillis. And to vse,

use, and exerce the said Office of Regentrie in all Thingis, Priuilegis, and Commoditeis, siclyke as frelie, and with als greit Libertie, as ony Regent, or Gouvernour to vs or our Predecessouris, vfit the samin in ony Tymes bygane. Promittand to hald firme, and stabill, in the Word and Faith of ane Prince, quhatsumeuer Thingis our saidis traist Cousingis dois in the Premissis. Chargeing heirfore zow all and findrie our Jugeis, and Ministeris of Law, Liegis, and Subiectis foirsaidis, to answer, and obey to our saidis traist Cousingis, Regentis foirsaidis, in all and findrie Thingis concerning the said Office of Regentrie, during our said derrest Sonis Minoritie, and ay and quhil he be of the Age of Seuintene Zeiris compleit. As ze and ilk ane of zow will declair zow luifing Subiectis to our said maist deir Sone, zour natie Prince, and vnder all Paine, Charge, and Offence that ze and ilk ane of zow may commit, and inrin aganis his Majestie in that Pairt. Subscriuit with our Hand, and geuin under our preuie Seill, at *Lochleuin* the xxiiii. Day of *July*, and of our Regne the Twentie fyue Zeir.

MARIE be the Grace of God Quene of *Scottis*, To all and findrie our Jugeis, and Ministeris of Law, Liegis, and Subiectis quhome it effeiris, to quhais Knowledge thir our Letteris fall cum, greting, Forfamekle, as fen
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our Arriuell, and returning within our Realme, we willing the commoun Commoditie, Welth, Profeit, and Quyetnes thairof, Liegis, and Subiectis of the famin, haue employit our Body, Spirite, haill Sencis, and Forcis to gouerne the same, in sic Sort that our royall, and honorabill Estate mycht stand, and continew with vs, and our Posteritie, and our luifing, and kynde Liegis mycht enjoy the Quietnes of trew Subiectis. In traueilling quhairin, not only is our Body, Spirite, and Sencis sa vexit, brokin, and vnquietit, that langer we ar not of Habilitie be ony Meane to indure sa greit and intollerabill Panis, and Trauellis, quhairwith we ar altogidder vexyt, bot als greit Commotiounis and Troublis, be findrie Occasiounis, in the mein Tyme, hes ensewit thairin to our greit Greif. And seing it hes bene the Plesour of the Eternall God, of his kyndlie Lufe, Mercie, and Gudnes to grant vnto vs, of our awin Persoun, ane Sone, quha in cais be the Hand of God we be veseit, will, and of Rycht, and of Equitie man, and aucht to succeid to vs, and to the Gouernement of our Realme. And knawing that all Creaturis ar subiect to that immutabill Decreit of the Eternall, anis to rander and gif vp this Lyfe temporall, (the Hour and Tyme quhairof is maist vncertane) and in cais be Deceis we be takin fra this Lyfe, during the Tyme of his Minoritie, it may be dowsit greitlie that Resistance and Troubill

Troubill may be maid to our said Sone, now natiue Prince of this our Realme, in his tender Zeiris (being swa destitute of vs) to succeid to that Rowme and Kingdome quhilk maist iustlie of all Lawis appertenis to him. Quhilk Inconuenient be Goddis Help, and gude Prouidence, we mene to preuent, in sic Maner, that it fall not ly in the Power of ony vnnaturall Subiectis to resist Goddis Ordinance in that Behalf. And vnderstanding that na Thing eirdlie is mair ioyous and happy to vs, nor to se our said derrest Sone, in our awin Lyfetime peciablief placit in that Rowme, and honorabill Estate quhairto he iustlie aucht and man succeid. We, of the motherlie Affection we beir toward our said onlie Sone, haue renuncit and dimittit, and be thir our Letteris, frelie, of our awin motiue Will renuncis and dimittis the Gouvernement, gyding and gouerning of this our Realme of *Scotland*, Liegis, and Subiectis thair of, and all Intromission and Disposition of ony Casualteis, Propertie, Benefices, Offices, and all Thingis appertening, or heirtofoir is knawin, or heirefter fall happen to appertene thairto, in fauouris of our said derrest Sone. To that Effect that he may be plantit, placit, and possessit thairin, vse and exerce all Thingis belangand thairto, as natiue King, and Prince of the samin, and siclyke as we or ony our Predecessouris, Kingis of *Scottis*, hes done in ony Tymis bypast. Attoure, that this our Dimission may tak
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the mair solempne Effect, and that nane pretend Ignorance thairof, we haue geuin, grantit, and committit, and be thir our Letters geuis, grantis, and committis our Commissioun full, frie, and plane Power, generall and speciall Command, to our traist Cousingis, *Patrik Lord Lindefay* of the *Byris*, and *William Lord Ruthuen*, and to ilk ane of thame coniunctly and seuerally, to compeir before samony of the Nobilitie, Clergie, Burgeffis, and vther Peppill of our Realme, as fall happin to be assemblit to that Effect in our Burgh of *Striuling*, or ony vther Place or Placis quhair it salbe thocht maist conuenient, at ony Day or Dayis, and thair publictly in thair Presence, for vs, in our Name, and vpon our Behalf dimit, and renunce the Gouernement, Gyding and Reuling of this our Realme, Liegis, and Subiectis thairof, all Intromissioun with the Propertie, Casualtie, or vtheris Thingis appertening to vs thairby, and all Rycht and Tytle that we had, hes, or may haue be ony Maner of Way thairto, in Fauouris of our said Sone, to that Effect, that he may be inaugurat, placit and rowmit thairin, and the Crowne Royall deliuerit to him, and be obeyit in all Thingis concerning the samin, as we, or our Predecessouris hes bene in Tymes bypast. And in lykewise be thir Presentis geuis, grantis, and committis our full, frie and plane Power, to our rycht traist Cousingis, *James Erle of Mortoun*, Lord of *Dal-*

*keith, Jobne Erle of Athole, &c. Jobne Erle of Mar, &c. Alexander Erle of Glencarne, Williame Erle of Menteith, Jobne Maister of Grabame, Alexander Lord Hume, Adam Bischop of Orkney, the Prouestis of Dundie, Montrois, or ony of thame, to ressaue the said Renunciatioun and Dimissioun in Fauouris of our said Sone, and thairefter the ressauing thair of, to plant, place, and inaugurat him in the Kingdome, and with all Ceremonies requysit to put the Crowne Royall upon his Heid, in Signe and Takin of the establesing of him thairin, and in his Name to mak, and gif to the saidis Nobilitie, Clergy, Burgeffis, and utheris our Liegis, his princely and kingly Aith detfully, and lauchfully as effeiris. And to ressave thair Aithis for dew and lauchfull Homage to be maid be thame to him, in all Tymes cuming, as becumis Subjectis to thair natiue King and Prince. And generally all and sindrie uther Thingis to do, exerce, and use, that for sure Performance and Accomplishment heirof may, or can be done, firme and stable haldand, and for to hald all and quhatsumever Thingis in our Name, in the Premissis leidis to be done, in the Word and faithfull Promis of ane Prince. And ordanis thir our Letters (gif neid beis) to be publiſt at all Places neidfull. Subscriuit with our Hand, and geuin under our Preuie Seil, at *Lochleuin* the xxiiii Day of *July*, and of our Regne the xxv Zeir, 1567.*

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C A P. II.

Anent the Constitutioun of James Erle of Murray, in Regent, to our Souerane Lord, his Realme and Liegis.

I*TEM.* It is fundin, declarit and decernit be our Souerane Lord, with Auise of the Thre Estatis, and haill Body of this present Parliament, that the Nominatioun, Constitutioun, and Ordinatioun of our said Souerane Lordis derrest Cousing *James Erle of Murray*, Lord *Abirnetbie*, in Regent to his Hienes, this Realme and Liegis thairof, during the Tyme of his Majesteis Minoritie, and les Age, specifyit and expressit in the Quenis Majesteis Letters under hir Subscriptioun and preuie Seill, of the Dait the xxiii Day of *July* last bypast, togidder als waith the Consent, and Approbatioun of the Erlis, Lordis, Prelatis, Commissaris of Burrowis, Barronis, and utheris faithfull Subiectis, conuenit and assemblit to that Effect. And the Acceptatioun of the said Office of Regentrie, be the said *James Erle of Murray*, upon the xxii Day of *August* last bypast, wes, is, and in all Tymes cuming haldin, repete, and esteimit lauchfull, sufficient, and perfyte. And all and quhatsumeuer Thingis, quhilkis he hes done be Vertue of his said Office of Regentrie, sen his Acceptatioun thairof, or quhilkis he sall do heirefter, in our said Souerane Lordis Name and Authoritie, during the

Tyme of his Hienes Minoritie, specifyt in the said Commissioun, and Procuratioun producit, auysit, and considerit be the saidis Thre Estatis, to be als dewlie, lauchfullie, sufficientlie, and rychteouslie done, and to have als greit Auail, Strenth, Force, and Effect in all Respectis and Conditounis, as ony Thingis done be quhatsumeuer Regentis, Gouvernouris, or Protectouris of this Realme, in the Minoriteis, and les Ageis of ony utheris natiue Princes of the same. And ratifyis, appreuis, and confirmis the same Nominatioun and Acceptatioun, for now and in Tyme cuming. Of the quhilk the Tennour followis.

MARIE be the Grace of God, Quene of *Scottis*,
 To all and findrie our Jugeis, and Ministeris of our Lawis, Liegis, and Subiectis quhome it effeiris, to quhais Knowlege thir our Letteris fall cum, greting, Forfamekle, as efter lang, greit and intollerabill Panis, and Laubouris takin be us sen our Arriuall within our Realme, for Gouvernement thair of, and keping of the Liegis of the famin in Quyetnes, we haue not onlie bene vexit in our Spirite, Body, and Sences thairby, bot als at lenth ar altogidder fa vexit thair of, that our Habilitie, and Strenth of Body is not habill langer to indure the famin. Thairfoir, and because nathing eirdlie can be mair confortabill and happy to vs in this Eird, nor in our Lyfetime to se our deir
 Sone,

Sone, the natiue Prince of this our Realme, placit in the Kingdome thairof, and the Crowne Royall set on his Heid, we of our awin fre Will, and speciall Motiue, haue dimittit, and renuncit the Gouvernement, Gyding and Gouerning of this our Realme of *Scotland*, Liegis and Subiectis thairof, in Fauouris of our said Sone, to that Effect, that in all Tymes heirefter, he may peciablie and quyetlie enioy the samin without Troubill, and be obeyit as natiue King, and Prince of the samin be the Liegis thairof. And understanding that be resoun of his tender Zouth, he is not of Habilitie in his awin Persoun to administrate in his Kinglie Rowme, and Gouvernement, as Equytie requyris, quhill that heirefter he cum to the Zeiris of Discretioun. And als knawing the Proximitie of Blude standand betwix vs, our said Sone, and our derrest Brother *James* Erle of *Murray*, Lord *Abirnetbie*, &c. And hauand Experience of the naturall Affectioun, and tenderly Lufe he hes in all Tymes borne, and presentlie beiris towardis vs, Honour, and Estate of our said Sone. Of quhais Lufe and Fauour towardis him we can not bot assure our self. To quhome na greter Honour, Joy, nor Felicitie in Eird can cum, nor to se our said Sone inaugurat in his Kingdome, feirit, reuerencit and obeyit be his Liegis thairof. In respect quhairof, and of the Certanetie and Notorietie of the Honestie, Habilitie, Qualificatioun, and Sufficiencie

ciencie of our said derrest Brother, to haue the Cure and Regiment of our said Sone, Realme, and Liegis foirfaidis, during our said Sonis Minoritie. We haue maid, namit, appointit, constitute, and ordanit, and be thir our Letteris namis, appointis, makis, constitutis, and ordanis our said derrest Brother *James Erle of Murray*, Regent to our said derrest Sone, Realme, and Liegis foirfaidis, during his Minoritie and les Age, and ay and quhill he be of the Age of Seuintene Zeiris cumpleit. And that our said Brother be callit, during the said Space, Regent to our said Sone, his Realme, and Liegis. Swa that our said Sone, efter the completing of the Zeiris foirfaidis, in his awin Persoun may tak upon him the said Gouvernement, and use and exerce all and findrie Priuilegis, Honouris, and utheris Immunitis that appertenis to the Office of ane King, alsweill in gouerning his Realme and Pepill, according to the Lawis, as in repressing the Violence of sic as wald inuaid, or iniustlie resist him or thame, or his Authoritie Royall. With Power to our said derrest Brother *James Erle of Murray*, in Name, Authoritie, and Behalf of our said maist deir Sone, to reissaue Resignatiounis of quhatsumeuer Landis haldin of him, or zit of Offices, Castellis, Towris, Fortalices, Mylnis, Fischingis, Woddis, Benefices, or Pertinentis quhatsumeuer, the samin againe in our said Sonis Name to gif, and deliuer Signaturis

naturis thairupon, and upon the Giftis of Wairdis, Non-entressis, and Releuis of Landis, and Mariageis of Airis falland, or that sal happin to fal in our said Sonis Handis as Superiour thairof. And als upon Presentatioun of Landis, Benefices, Eschetis of Gudis mouabil and unmouabill, Dettis and Takkis, Respittis, Remissiounis, Supersedereis, and upon the Dispositioun of Offices vacand, or quhen thay fall happin to vaik, to subscribe, and cause be past the Seillis. The said Office of Regentrie, to use and exerce in all Thingis, Privilegis and Commoditeis, siclyke as frelie, and with als greit Libertie, as ony Regent or Gouvernour to us, or our Predecessouris usit in ony Tymes bygane, and siclyke as gif euerie Heid, Privilege, and Artickle concerning the said Office wer at lenth expressit, and amplifyit in thir our Letteris. Promisand to hald firme and stabill in the Word, and Faith of ane Prince, to quhatsumever Thingis our said derrest Brother in the Premissis happinnis to do. Charging heirfoir zow all and findrie our Jugeis, and Ministeris of Law, Liegis, and Subjectis foirfaidis, to answer and obey to our said derrest Brother, in all and findrie Thingis concerning the said Office of Regentrie, as ze and ilk ane of zow will declair zow luifing Subjectis, to our said maist deir Sone, and under all Paine, Charge, and Offence that ze and ilk ane of zow may commit and inrin aganis his Majestie in that Pairt.

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Subscriuit with our Hand, and gevin under our preuie Seill, at *Lochleuin* the xxiiii. Day of *July*, and of our Regne the Twentie fyue Zeir.

C A P. XIX.

Anent the Retentioun of our Souerane Lordis Motheris Person.

ITEM. Anent the Artickle proponit be the Erlis, Lordis, and vther Nobillmen, quha tuik Armis at *Carbarrie* Hill, upon the xv. Day of *June* last bypast. And anent thair Conueningis of befoir, and of the Cause of the Apprehensioun of the Quene Mother to our Souerane Lord. And quhidder the saidis Nobillmen, and vtheris quhilkis tuik Armis of befoir hir said Apprehensioun, and quhilkis joynit with thame, and assistit thame at that Tyme, or ony wayis senfyne, hes done the Dewtie of Nobillmen, gude and trew Subjectis of this Realme, and na wayis offendit, nor transgressit the Lawis in that Effect, or ony Thing depending thairupon, outhir preceding or following the famin. **OUR SOVERANE LORD**, with Auise of my Lord Regent, and Thre Estatis, and hail Body of this present Parliament, hes fundin, declairit, and concludit, and be this present Act findis, declairis, and concludis, that the Cause and Occasioun of the Conuentiounis and Messaigeis of the saidis Erlis, Lordis, Nobillmen,

men, Barronis, and vtheris faithfull and trew Subjectis, and consequentlie thair taking of Armis, and cuming to the Feildis with oppin and displayit Banneris, and the Cause and Occasioun of the taking of the said Quenis Person, upon the said xv. Day of *June* last bypast, and halding and detening of the samin within the Housis and Fortalice of *Lochleuin*, continuallie sensyne, presentlie, and in all Tyme cuming: And generallie all vther Thingis inuentit, spokin, writtin, or done be thame, or ony of thame to that Effect, sen the Tent Day of *Februar* last bypast, vpon the quhilk Day vmquhile *Henry* King, than the said Quenis lauchfull Husband, and our Souerane Lord the Kingis derrest Father, was tressonable, schamefullie, and horrible murthourit, unto the Day and Dait of this present Act, and in all Tymes to cum, tuicheing the said Quene, and detening of hir Person. That the Cause, and all Thingis dependand thairon, or that ony Wayis may pertene thairto, the Intromissioun, or disponing upon hir Propertie, Casualteis, or quhatsumeuer Thing pertening, or that ony Wayis mycht pertene to hir, wes in the said Quenis awin Default, in sa far as, be diuers hir preuie Letteris writtin halelie with hir awin Hand, and send be hir to *James* sumtyme Erle of *Bothwell*, cheif Executour of the said horribill Murthour, as weill befoir the committing thairof as thairefter. And be hir ungodlie and dishonourabill

Proceeding to ane pretendit Mariage with him, suddand-
 lie and vnprovisitlie thairefter, it is maist certane, that
 scho was preuie, Airt and Pairt of the actuall Deuise and
 Deid of the foirnamit Murthour of the King hir lauch-
 full Husband, and Father to our Soverane Lord, com-
 mittit be the said *James* sumtyme Erle of *Bothwell*, his
 Complices and Pertakeris. And thairfoir justlie deseruis
 quhatsumeuer hes bene done to hir in ony Tyme by-
 gaine, or that falbe usit towardis hir, for the said Cause
 in Tyme cuming, quhilk falbe usit be Aduise of the No-
 bilitie, in respect, that our said Soverane Lordis Mother,
 with the said *James*, sumtyme Erle of *Bothwell*, zeid
 about be indirect and colourit Menis, to colour and hald
 back the Knowlege of the Treuth of the Committaris of
 the said Cryme. Zit all Men in thair Hartis war fullestie
 perswadit of the Authouris and Deuyfaris of that mische-
 nous and vnworthie Fact, awaiting quhill God sould moue
 the Hartis of sum to enter in the Querrell for reuenge-
 ing of the famin. And in the mene tyme, ane greit
 Pairt of the Nobilitie, upon just Feir to be handlit, and
 demanit in semlabill Maner, as the King had bene of be-
 foir. Persauing als wa the Quene sa thrall, and swa blind-
 lie affectionat to the priuate Appetyte of that Tyrane,
 and that baith he and scho had conspyrit togidder sic hor-
 ribill Crueltie, being thairwith all garnissit with ane Cum-
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panie of vngodlie and vitious Personis, redy to accomplishe all thair unlauchfull Commandementis, of quhome he had ane sufficient Number, continuallie awaiting vpon him; for the samin Effect, all nobill and vertuous Men abhorring thair Tyrannie and Cumpanie, bot cheiflie suspecting, that thay, quha had sa treffonablie put downe, and distroyit the Father, sould mak the innocent Prince, his onlie Sone, and the principall, and almaiit onlie Confort, send be God to this afflictit Natioun, to taist of the samin Coup, as the mony inuentit Purposis to pas quhair he was, and als wa quhair the Nobillmen war in, that oppin Confusioun gaif sufficient Warning and Declaratioun. Quhairthrow the saidis Erlis, Lordis, Barronis, and vtheris faithfull and trew Subjectis, taking Armis, or vtherwyse quhatsumeuer joyning, and assisting in the said Actioun, and in the saidis Conuentiounis, displaying Baneris, and cuming to the Feildis, taking and retening of the Quenis Person, as weill in Tymes bypast, as heirefter, and all vtheris that hes thairefter, or fall in ony Tyme cuming adjoyne to thame, and all Thingis done be thame, or ony of thame, tuicheing that Cause, and all vther Thingis depending thairon, or that ony Wayis may appertene thairto, the Intromissioun, or disponing vpon hir Propirtie, or Casualteis, or quhatsumeuer vther Thingis pertening, or ony Wayis mycht appertene to hir, was in Default of hirself,

and the said *James*, sumtyme Erle of *Bothwell*, and be the horribill and cruell Murther of our said Soverane Lordis vmquhile derrest FATHER, conspyrit, deuysit, committit, conseilit and colourit be thame, and not condignelie punisht according to the Laws. And that the saidis Erlis, Lordis, Barronis, and vtheris trew and faithfull Subjectis, conuening at ony Conuentioun bygaine, and now presentlie efter the said Murthour, for furthering of the Tryell thair of, and als thay, and all vtheris that war on the Feildis, taik Armis, apprehendit, held, keipit or detenit, or presentlie haldis, keipis or detenis hir Person, or fall chair-efter, or that hes jonit or assistit, or fall in ony Tyme beirefter joyne to thame in that Querrell, tuicheing the Premissis, ar, war, and salbe innocent, fre, and acquyte of the famin, and of all Actioun, and Cause criminall and ciuill, that may be intentit or persewit aganis thame, or ony of thame thairfoir, in ony Tyme cuming. And that ane Pairt of the Thre Estatis foirsaidis, Prelatis, Bischopis, greit Barronis, and Burgeffis, gaif thair Seillis thairupon, to be vsit as falbe thocht maist expedient be thame, for the Honour of the Realme, and Securitie of the Nobillmen, and vtheris hauand Enteres in the said Cause. And decernis this Declaratioun to be na wayis prejudiciall to the Issue of our Soverane Lordis Mother, lauchfullie cumin of hir Body, to succeid to the Crowne of this Realme, nor thair Airis.

CAP. XX.

The Declaratioun of Parliament maid to the Laird of Lochleuin, anent the Keiping of the Kingis Mother, in the Hous and Fortalice of Lochleuin.

ANENT the Supplicatioun geuin in be *Williame Dowglas* of *Lochleuin*, beirand that the Erlis of *Mortoun*, *Atholl*, *Mar*, *Glencarne*, the Lordis *Ruthuen*, *Holme*, *Lindesay*, *Sempill*, and diueris vtheris honorabill Barronis, and Gentilmen of this Realme upon the xvi Day of *June* last bypast, be thair Letteris subscriuit with thair Handis, gaif Command to the said *Williame Dowglas*, upon his dew Obedience, and as he tenderis the commoun Weill of this Realme, his natiue Cuntrie, to ressaif our Souerane Lordis Mother in Keping within his Fortalice and Place of *Lochleuin*, as being ane Rowme maist conuenient thairto, and keip hir surelie thairintill, ay and quhill farther Tryall be taine, anent the cruell Murthour and tressonabill Slauchter of vmquhile *Henry* King, Spous to the Quene, than our Soverane, and the said *Williame* sufficientlie exonerit and dischargeit of hir said Keping, as the Letteris and Charge direct be the saidis Erlis, Lordis and Nobillmen, schawin in
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Prefence of my Lord Regent and Thre Estatis of this
 Realme beiris. And thairfoir desyring our Souerane
 Lord, my Lord Regent, and Thre Estatis of this present
 Parliament, to gif Declaratour to the said *Williame Dow-*
glas of *Lochleuin*, that he hes done his detfull Diligence,
 in ressauing and keping of our said Souerane Lordis der-
 rest Mother. And thairthrow that he, and his Airis may
 be fre of all Actioun, and Cryme that may be imputit to
 thame thairthrow, and of ony vther Thing done to hir,
 sen hir cuming to the said Place, and Fortalice, in respect
 of hir awin Declaratioun schawin, and producit in Pre-
 sence of my said Lord Regent, and haill Estatis of this
 present Parliament, lyke as the said Supplicatioun, Wry-
 tingis, and Chargeis direct thairanent schawin, and pro-
 ducit as said is beiris. Our Souerane Lord, with Avise
 of the said Lord Regent, and Thre Estatis and haill Bo-
 dy of this present Parliament, declaris the saidis Letteris
 and Chargeis, direct to the said *Williame Dowglas* of
Lochleuin, in Maner abone writtin, to be dewlie and res-
 sonable direct, and procedit upon ane iust, trew, and fin-
 ceir Ground, and thairfoir be Censment of this present
 Parliament, authorisis, and declairis the samin to have bene
 dewlie, weill, ordourlie, and justly direct, upon gude Cau-
 sis, and Consideratiounis : Lyke as alswa our Soverane
 Lord, with Auise of my Lord Regent, and Thre Estatis
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of Parliament foirfaid, authorisis, and declaris the Wry-
 tingis and Declaratioun maid be our said Souerane Lordis
 derrest Mother, upon the xxviii Day of *July* last bypast,
 declairand that scho on na wyse was treitit nor compellit
 be the said *Williame Dowglas* of *Lochleuin*, nor na uthe-
 ris of his causing, to do ony Thing contrare hir Plesour,
 sen hir cuming to the said Place of *Lochleuin*. And thair-
 foir ordanis the saidis Letteris, Chargeis and vtheris Wryt-
 tingis abone writtin, to be insert and registrat in the Bui-
 kis of Parliament, to remaine thairintill perpetuallie, for
 Declaratioun of the said *Williame Dowglas* trew and just
 Obedience in the said Mater. And declairis, he hes done
 his detfull Dewtie in obtempering, obeying, and fulfilling
 of the Command, and Charge abone writtin, and decernis
 him, his Airis, Successouris, and Posteritie to be harmles
 and skaithles thairanent, for now and ever. And dischar-
 geis all Actioun and Cause criminall, and civile, that may
 be intentit, or persewit aganis thame, or him for the sa-
 min, for now and ever be this present Act.

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The List of those who were present in the Parliament held at *Edinburgh* in *Scotland*, the 15 Day of *December*, Anno 1567.

REGENTE PRESENTE.

Pro Clero,	<i>Petinweem,</i>	<i>Buchan.</i>
Episcopi.	<i>Insulæ Beatæ Ma-</i>	<i>Domini.</i>
<i>Moravien.</i>	<i>riæ,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>
<i>Candidæ Casæ,</i>	<i>Coldinghame,</i>	<i>Ruthven,</i>
<i>Orcaden.</i>	<i>Portmooke.</i>	<i>Glamis,</i>
<i>Brechinen.</i>	Pro Baronibus,	<i>Grey,</i>
Abbates.	Comites.	<i>Lindsay de Byeris,</i>
<i>Dumfermlin,</i>	<i>Angus,</i>	<i>Sempill,</i>
<i>Melrofs,</i>	<i>Huntlye,</i>	<i>Saltoun,</i>
<i>Cambuskenneth,</i>	<i>Argile,</i>	<i>Lovat,</i>
<i>Newbottle,</i>	<i>Crawfurd,</i>	<i>Innermeith,</i>
<i>Dryburgh,</i>	<i>Errol,</i>	<i>Cathcart,</i>
<i>Jedburgh,</i>	<i>Athole,</i>	<i>Herries,</i>
<i>Kynlofs,</i>	<i>Morton,</i>	<i>Tester,</i>
<i>Balmerino,</i>	<i>Glencairn,</i>	<i>Sancti Johannis,</i>
<i>Insulæ Sanctæ</i>	<i>Marre,</i>	<i>Methven,</i>
<i>Columbæ,</i>	<i>Caithness,</i>	<i>Ochultree.</i>
<i>Culrofs,</i>	<i>Menteith,</i>	

Magistri.

Magistri.	Mr. Johannes Pre-	Coupar,
Montrose,	Jun,	Inerkeithing,
Sinclair,	Perth,	Lanrik,
Drummond,	Stirling,	Jedburgh,
✽ Thesaurarius,	Dundee,	Selkirk,
Secretarius,	Aberdeen,	Bamf,
Tullibardin Rotu-	Montrose,	St. Andrews,
lator,	Haddingtone,	Creil,
Clericus Registri,	Linlithgo,	North Berwick,
Clericus Justicia-	Glasgow,	Lauder,
rie.	Air,	Dumbar,
Pro Comissariis	Peebles,	Narne,
Burgorum.	Drumfreis,	Tayne.
Præpositus Edin-	Enderness,	
burghi	Elgin,	
Jacobus Barroun,	Forres,	

Domini electi ad Articulos.

Pro Clero,	Abbates.	Insulæ Sanctæ Co-
Episcopi.	Dumfermlin,	lumbæ,
Moravien.	Melrose,	Pittenweem,
Candidæ Casæ,	Newbottle,	Portmooke.
Orcaden.	Balmerino,	

Pro Baronibus,	<i>Lindsay,</i>	<i>Præp. de Stirling,</i>
Comites.	<i>Sempill.</i>	<i>Præp. de Aber-</i>
<i>Huntlye,</i>	Pro Comissariis	<i>dein,</i>
<i>Argile,</i>	Burgorum.	<i>Præp. de Mont-</i>
<i>Morton,</i>	<i>Præpositus Edin-</i>	<i>ross,</i>
<i>Athole,</i>	<i>burghi</i>	<i>Præp. de St. An-</i>
<i>Glencairn,</i>	<i>Jacobus Barroun,</i>	<i>drewe,</i>
<i>Marre,</i>	<i>Patricius Murray</i>	<i>Præp. de Ayre,</i>
<i>Caithness.</i>	<i>Præp. de Perth,</i>	<i>Præp. de Cou-</i>
Domini.	<i>Præp. de Dun-</i>	<i>par.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>dee,</i>	

Extractum e libris Parliamenti per me Magistrum Jacobum Makgill de Rankillor-nether Cler. Rotul. Regist. ac Concilii S. D. N. Regis, sub meis signo & subscriptione manualibus.

Jacobus Makgill.

N. B. That from the ancient Rolls of Parliament no Rule is to be drawn as to Rank and Precedency of the Nobility of *Scotland*, they being ranked differently in these Rolls, which Custom continued till there was a Decreet of Ranking of the Peers of *Scotland*, as to their Precedency, in the Year 1606.

Bond

*Bond of Association, upon Queen Mary's Demission of the
Crown and Government in Favours of the Prince her
Son.*

An Original.

WE quhilkis hes subscrivit the underwrittin Band,
understanding yat ye Quenis Majestie willing na-
thing mair eyrnistlie, nor that in hir Lifyme hir maist
deir Sone oure native Prince be placit and inaugurat in
ye Kyngdome of yis his native Countreye and Realme,
and be obeyit as King be ws and otheris his Subjectis.
And being weryit of the greit Panis and Travellis takin
be hir in hir Governament yairof, hes be hir Letteris di-
mittit and renuncit, and gevin Power thairby to dimit
and renunce ye said Gouvernament of this Realme, Liegis
and Subjectis yairof in favouris of hir said Sone oure na-
tive Prince. To ye Effect he may be inaugurat thairin,
the Croun Royall put upoun his Heid, and be obeyit in all
Thingis as King and native Prince yairof, as hir Hienes
Letteris past thairupoun beris: Thairfore, and becaus it
is ane of ye maist happy Thingis yat can cum to any Pe-
pill or Cuntre, to be governit and rewlit be yair owne na-
tive King, we and ilk ane of ws quhilkis hes subscrivit
yir Presentis, be the Tenour heirof promittis, bindis and
oblissis ws faithfullie to convene and assembill our selfis
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at the Burt of *Sterling*, or ony vther Place to be appoin-
tit to the Effect forsaid, and yair concur, assist and fortify
our said native King and Prince, to the establisshing, plan-
ting and placing of him in his Kingdome, and putting of
ye Croun Royall yairof upoun his Heid, and in ye Feir of
oure God being instructit and techit be his and all vther
Lawis, fall gif our Aith of Fidelitie for Homage, and
lauchfull and detfull Obedience to be maid be ws to him
during his Gracis Liftye, as it becumis faithfull, Cristiane
and trew Subjectis to do to yair native King and Prince.
And forthir, yat we fall with all our Strength and Forcis
promote, concur, fortify, and assist to the Promotioun and
establisshing of him in his Kingdome and Gouvernement, as
becumis faithfull and trew Subjectis to do to yair Prince,
and to resist all sik as wald oppone yame yairto, or mak
ony Troubill or Impediment to him thairin; and fall do all
vther Thingis yat becumis faithfull and Cristiane Subjectis
to do to yair native King and Prince. In Witnes of the
quhilk Thing, we haif subscrivit thir Presentis with our
Handis at *Edinburt*, ye Day of
the Zeir of God ane thousand fyve hunder threscौर
sevin Zers.

Signed

Signed by,

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| 1. James Regent, | 23. Patryk Lord Grey, |
| 2. Huntlye, | 24. Michael Lord Carleyll, |
| 3. Ar. Argyll, | with my Hand at the |
| 4. Athol, | Pen, <i>Al. Hay Notarius.</i> |
| 5. Morton, | 25. Alexander Bishop of |
| 6. Mar, | Galloway, |
| 7. Glencarn, | 26. Robert Commendator |
| 8. Erroll, | of Dunfermling, |
| 9. Bowchan, | 27. Alexander Commenda- |
| 10. J. Grabame, | tor of Culrofs, |
| 11. Williame L. Borthuik, | 28. Drybruch, |
| 12. Patryk L. Lyndsay, | 29. Adam Commendator of |
| 13. Alex. L. Hume, | Cambuskynet, |
| 14. W. L. Ruthuen, | 30. Jhone Erskyn, |
| 15. L. Sanquhar, | 31. Robert Minister of Foyl- |
| 16. Sempyll, | furd, |
| 17. Lorde Innermeth, | 32. Jhone Wishart, |
| 18. Uchiltre, | 33. Georg Stratoun, |
| 19. Jhon L. Glammis, | 34. Jobnne Craigtoun, |
| 20. Allan Lord Cathcart, | 35. Ma. of Newbotll, |
| 21. Henry Lord Methuen, | 36. James Steuart, |
| 22. Hew Lord Frafeire of | 37. Bukclewth, Knicht, |
| Louat, | |

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| 38. Tulibardin, Comptrol-
lar, | 57. Johnne Fullartoun of
Dreghorn, |
| 39. Garlis, | 58. Shausnok, |
| 40. W. Maitland, | 59. Canyngim-beid, |
| 41. Jo. Ballenden, | 60. George Corre of Kel-
wood, |
| 42. Sir Ja. Balfour, | 61. Apylgirth, |
| 43. Walter Ker of Cesfurd, | 62. Jhone Shaw of Sahy, |
| 44. Drumlanrig, | 63. W. Kyrkaldy zonger, |
| 45. Thomas Ker, | 64. Jhone Lokhart of Bar, |
| 46. Craigmiller, | 65. Hew Wallace of Car-
nyll, |
| 47. Caprintoun, | 66. David Durie of that Ilk, |
| 48. Blairquhan, | 67. James Dalrampyll of
Staor, |
| 49. Mochrum, | 68. Androw Murray of A-
ringask, |
| 50. David Spens of Wormi-
stoun, Knycht, | 69. Robert Murray of A-
bircardny, |
| 51. Robert Stewart of Ros-
syth, | 70. William Moncreif zon-
ger, |
| 52. Patrik of Howistoun,
Knycht, | 71. Jhone Cathcart of Ca-
riltoun, |
| 53. Patrik Lermouth of
Derfi, | 72. Edmystoun, |
| 54. Bargany, | 73. Qubittingham, |
| 55. James Chalmer of Gat-
girth, | 74. Mel- |
| 56. James Haliburtoun, | |

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| 74. <i>Melrofs,</i> | 92. <i>Jhone Brisbin,</i> |
| 75. <i>George Houm of Spoot,</i> | 93. <i>Walt. Leslie of that Ilk,</i> |
| 76. <i>Jhone Maluill of Raith,</i> | 94. <i>Jo. Foularton,</i> |
| 77. <i>Andro Ker of Fawden-</i>
<i>syd,</i> | 95. <i>Jhone Lowell, with</i>
<i>my Hand,</i> |
| 78. <i>Gilbert Kennedy of Dal-</i>
<i>quharan,</i> | 96. <i>Jhone Sympyl of</i>
<i>Fouilwid,</i> |
| 79. <i>John Blair of yat Ilk,</i> | 97. <i>Gilbert Ogiluy of that</i>
<i>Ilk,</i> |
| 80. <i>Jhone Shazw of Grenok,</i> | 98. <i>Pittincreiff,</i> |
| 81. <i>Jhone Cuningham of</i>
<i>Drumquibissyll,</i> | 99. <i>George Buchquhanan of</i>
<i>yat Ilk,</i> |
| 82. <i>Thomas Dishington,</i> | 100. <i>David Tyre of Drum-</i>
<i>kylbo,</i> |
| 83. <i>N. Bortbuik of Gar-</i>
<i>dinsball,</i> | 101. <i>Artbur Forbes,</i> |
| 84. <i>James Meldrum,</i> | 102. <i>Jhon Somerwell of</i>
<i>Cambusnathan,</i> |
| 85. <i>Henry Grabame,</i> | 103. <i>Walt. M'Cawlay of</i>
<i>Arincapill,</i> |
| 86. <i>Jhone Menteth of The</i>
<i>Kers,</i> | 104. <i>Adam ----- of -----</i> |
| 87. <i>M. Wylliam Lundy,</i> | 105. <i>Alexander Trayle of</i>
<i>Blebo,</i> |
| 88. <i>Wilzem Conynghem of</i>
<i>Cragenis,</i> | 106. <i>James Sandilandis,</i> |
| 89. <i>J. Mowngumrie Fiar of</i>
<i>Hoslout,</i> | 107. <i>James Forrester,</i> |
| 90. <i>Andro Wod of Largo,</i> | |
| 91. <i>Jhone Collefs,</i> | |

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| 108. Henry Foulis of Colintoun, | 122. Alexander Guthrie of yat Ilk, Fiar, |
| 109. Georgius Towers, | 123. Toms Kyndy, |
| 110. James Heriot of Tra-brown, | 124. David Lyndesay of ----- |
| 111. Jhone Mowbray of Barnebowgall, | 125. James Ramsey of ----- |
| 112. George Ramsey of Dalbusay, | 126. Robert Campbell of Kyngscleuth, |
| 113. William Murray of Touchadam, | 127. Jhone Howm of Col-denknows, |
| 114. James Hamylton of Kyncawill, | 128. David Howme of Wedderburne, |
| 115. Jhone Edmiston of yat Ilk, Knycht, | 129. John Rayntoun of Bil-lie, |
| 116. Willem Wauchop, | 130. David Syntcler of Blans, |
| 117. Jhone Pennycuik of yat Ilk, | 131. William Chirnsyde of Eist-Nisbett, |
| 118. David Pringill, | 132. Jhone Swayntoun of yat Ilk, |
| 119. Andro M ^r Anpherson of Colraun, | 133. Jhon Howm of Blakitr, |
| 120. Robert Lauson of Hum-bey, | 134. George Hume of A-toune, |
| 121. Wylzem Durham of Grange, | 135. Mathew Sinclair of Langfarmacus, |
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| 136. Patrik Cokburn of
Clarkyntoun, | 150. Thomas Fawfysd of yat
Ilk, |
| 137. Alexander Cokburn of
yat Ilk, | 151. Robert Lyll of Stani-
pecht, |
| 138. Thomas Ker of Mer-
singtoun, | 152. Alexander Dalmahoy
of yat Ilk, |
| 139. David Edingtoun of
yat Ilk, | 153. James Ramsey of Cok-
pen, |
| 140. Williame Sinclair of
Herdmeistoun, | 154. W. Saintclair of Roi-
sin, |
| 141. ----- Lauder of Ye
Bass, | 155. Olyfar Sanklar of
Qubaytkirk, |
| 142. John Cokburn of Ormy-
stoun, | 156. Alexander Hamiltoun
of Innarwik, |
| 143. George Hume of Brox-
muth, | 157. Jhon Sydserf, |
| 144. Peter Hay of Meginis, | 158. Thomas Makdowall, |
| 145. Patrik Congiltoun of
yat Ilk, | 159. Robyn Ker of The
Wodbede, |
| 146. William Bonar of Rosse, | 160. Thomas Ker of Fern-
'best, |
| 147. G. Dundas of yat Ilk, | 161. Andro Ker of Lytilden, |
| 148. James Cokburn of
Langtoun, | 162. Gylbert Ker of Pru-
densyd, Knycht, |
| 149. William Ridpath, zoun-
ger, of yat Ilk, | 163. William Dowglas of
Cavers, |
| | 164. Tho- |

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| 164. <i>Thomas Turnbull of</i> | 179. <i>Will. Scott of Thirl-</i> |
| <i>Badroule, Knicht,</i> | <i>stane, with my Hand</i> |
| 165. <i>John Turnbull of Phil-</i> | <i>at the Pen,</i> |
| <i>lophaw,</i> | 180. <i>John Stewart of</i> |
| 166. <i>Robert Grierson of Lag,</i> | <i>Craighall, with my</i> |
| 167. <i>Lochinwer,</i> | <i>Hand at the Pen,</i> |
| 168. <i>Cardenefs,</i> | 181. <i>James Noble of Ardar-</i> |
| 169. <i>Bomby,</i> | <i>dan, with my Hand</i> |
| 170. <i>Brochtoun,</i> | <i>at the Pen,</i> |
| 171. <i>John Gordoun, zoun-</i> | 182. <i>Tho. Powntoun Provest</i> |
| <i>gar, of Crechlaw,</i> | <i>of Hadentoun,</i> |
| 172. <i>Closburn,</i> | 183. <i>James Howme Belzie,</i> |
| 173. <i>J. Cranstoun,</i> | 184. <i>Bernard Thomfoun Ba-</i> |
| 174. <i>Charles Murray of Cok-</i> | <i>lie, with my Hand</i> |
| <i>puill,</i> | <i>at the Pen, Al. Hay</i> |
| 175. <i>John Charteris of A-</i> | <i>Notarius,</i> |
| <i>mesfeild,</i> | 185. <i>Rob. Howm of -----</i> |
| 176. <i>Henry Hepburn of For-</i> | 186. <i>Geo. Moutra, zonger,</i> |
| <i>toun, with my Hand</i> | <i>of Seyfeld, with my</i> |
| <i>at the Pen,</i> | <i>Hand at the Pen, Al.</i> |
| 177. <i>Alexander Creichton of</i> | <i>Hay,</i> |
| <i>Newhall, with my</i> | 187. <i>And. Fairny of yat Ilk,</i> |
| <i>Hand at the Pen,</i> | <i>with my Hand at</i> |
| <i>Alex. Hay Notarius,</i> | <i>the Pen, Al. Hay</i> |
| 178. <i>Thomas Hanyn,</i> | <i>Notarius,</i> |
| | 188. <i>Mr.</i> |

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| 188. Mr. <i>Jhone Logan</i> , and | 204. <i>David Barclay</i> of Cul- |
| 189. <i>Patrik Loch</i> , and | lerne, |
| 190. <i>Patrik Hwm</i> , Com- | 205. <i>Barubarrow</i> , |
| missioners for <i>Leyth</i> , | 206. <i>Myrtoun</i> , |
| 191. <i>Pat. Wod</i> of <i>Bonytoun</i> , | 207. <i>Nic. Rutherford</i> of |
| 192. <i>Jhone Sumerill</i> of ---- | <i>Hundelie</i> , with my |
| 193. <i>James</i> ---- | Hand at the Pen, |
| 194. <i>Walter Ker</i> of <i>Dol-</i> | <i>Al. Hay</i> , |
| <i>phinstoun</i> , and | 208. <i>Jhon Turnbull</i> of <i>Myn-</i> |
| 195. <i>James Rig</i> , Provest of | <i>to</i> , with my Hand at |
| <i>Drumfres</i> , Commis- | the Pen, <i>Al. Hay</i> |
| sioners for <i>Drumfres</i> , | <i>Notarius</i> , |
| 196. <i>Tho. Kirkpatrick</i> of <i>A-</i> | 209. <i>Jhon Mow</i> of <i>yat Ilk</i> , |
| <i>islund</i> , | with my Hand at |
| 197. <i>Wilzem Banantyn</i> of | the Pen, <i>Al. Hay</i> |
| <i>Corebous</i> , | <i>Notarius</i> , |
| 198. <i>Jhon Makgill</i> , | 210. <i>Jhon Haitlie</i> , |
| 199. <i>Wilzem</i> ---- of ---- | 211. <i>Jhon Rutherford</i> of |
| 200. <i>Jhone</i> of ---- | <i>Huntbill</i> , with my |
| 201. <i>Al. Cunyngham</i> of <i>Cor-</i> | Hand at the Pen, |
| <i>sell</i> , | <i>Al. Hay Notarius</i> , |
| 202. <i>Jhon</i> ---- of ---- | 212. <i>Pat. Frasere</i> of <i>Ower-</i> |
| 203. <i>Pat. Sleich</i> of <i>Min-</i> | <i>toun</i> , with my Hand |
| <i>loche</i> , with my Hand | at the Pen, <i>Al. Hay</i> |
| at the Pen, <i>Al. Hay</i> , | <i>Notarius</i> , |
| | 213. <i>Wil.</i> |

213. *Wil. Kirkpatrik* of *Kirkmichell*, with my
Hand at the Pen, *Al. Hay Notarius*,
214. *Pat. M^cKei* of *Larg*,
215. *J. Wawfs*,
216. *Al. Blair*, zonger, of
Balthyok.

N. B. This Bond is signed by the Nobility and Gentlemen, without observing any Order. They began to sign upon the 25 Day of *July*, 1567. and continued to sign, as they came in, till the *December* following, that the Parliament met. This Bond (commonly called *The Second Band*) was ingrossed in the Books of Privy Council, and subjoyned to the Act following.

An Act concerning Queen *Mary's* Demission in favours of her Son, when it was exhibited to the Privy Council by the Lord *Lindsay*.

From the Records of Privy Council.

Apud Edinburgh, 25 Julii, Anno Dom. 1567.

THE quhilk Day, in Presence of the Lordis of Secret Counsaile, and utheris of the Nobilitie, Prelattis, Baronis and Commissioneris of Burrowis, convenit within the Tolbuyth of *Edinburgh*, comperit *Patrick* Lord *Linde-*

Lindesay of *The Byris*, and presentit the Commissioun underwritten, subscryvit be the Queins Majestie, oure So-
verane Ladie, and under hir Preeve Seill, desyrand the
same to be opinlie red; of the quhilk the Tennor fol-
lowis.

“ *MARIE*, be the Grace of God, Quene of *Scottis*,
“ To all and fundrie Our Judges and Ministeris of Law,
“ Liegis and Subdittis quhome it efferis, quhais Knaw-
“ lege this Oure Letter sal to come, Greting: FORSA-
“ MEKILL as, sen Oure Arryvall and returning within
“ Oure Realme, We, willing the common Commoditie,
“ Welth, Proffeit and Quietnes thair of, Liegis and Sub-
“ jectis of the samyn, haif employit Oure Body, Spirite,
“ haill Sences and Forceis to governe the same, in sic
“ Sort that Oure royall and honourabill Esteate micht
“ stand, continew with Us and Our Posteritie, and Our
“ loving and kynd Liegis micht enjoy the Quietnes of
“ trew Subjectis, &c. ” As in *Page 210* of this Volume.

QUHILKS being opinlie red, the faids Lordis of Se-
creit Counsale, and utheris of the Nobilitie, Prelattis, Ba-
ronis and Commissioneris of Burrowis convenit, as said
is, glaidlie agreit thairto, allowit and apprevit the samyn,
and, in Verificatioun and Testificatioun thair of, subscryvit
the Obligioun following.

“ WE, quhilke hes subscrivit the underwritin Band,
 “ understanding yat ye Quenis Majestie, willing nathing
 “ mair eyrnistlie, nor that, in hir Lifyme, hir maist deir
 “ Sone, oure native Prince, be placit and inaugurat in
 “ the Kingdome, &c.” As in the preceeding original Bond
 of Association, *Page 231.*

The Form of the Coronation of King *James*
 the Sixth of *Scotland.*

From the Records of Privy Council.

Apud Striviling, 29 Julii, Anno Dom. 1567.

THE quhilk Day, in Presens of nobill and michtie
 Lordis, *James Erll of Mortoun Lord of Dal-*
keyth, Johnne Erll of Atholl Lord of Baluany, Alexan-
der Erll of Glencairne Lord of Kilmarwis, Johnne Erll of
Mar Lord Erskine, Williame Erll of Menteith, Johnne
Maister of Grahame, Alexander Lord Hume, Patrick Lord
Lindesay of The Byris, Edward Lord Sanquhair, Robert
Lord Sempill, Johnne Lord Innermeth, Andro Lord U-
chiltre, James Lord of Sanct Johnnes, Adame Bischope
of Orknay, Robert Commendatar of Dumfermline, Mai-
ster Robert Richertson Commendatar of Saint Marie
Ile, Thesaurare, Williame Murray of Tulibardin Knight,
 Com-

Comptroller, *Williame Maitland* of *Lethingtoun* zoungar,
 Secretare, *Sir Johnne Bellenden* of *Auchnowle*, Knight,
 Clerk of Justiciarie, *Johnne Erskine* of *Dun* Provest of
Montrois, Maister *James Halieburtoun* Provest of *Dunde*,
 and diverse of the Nobilitie, Spiritualitie, and Commissio-
 neris of Burrowis, convenit for Coronatioun of the richt
 excellent Prince JAMES, be the Grace of God, Prince
 and Stewart of *Scotland*, compeirit *Arthour Hamiltoun* of
Muretoun, Procuratour, speciallie constitute be *Johnne*
Archiebischope of *Saintandros*, and *Gawin* Commendatare
 of *Killwynning*, Commissioneris lauchfullie constitute be
 ane nobill and michtie Prince, *James* Duke of *Chestela-*
rault, in all his honest and leichfull Befines, during his
 remayneing furth of this Realme, as at lenth is contenit
 in his Commissioun under his Seill and Subscriptioun ma-
 nuall, of the Dait, the ferd Day of *August*, the Zeir of
 God 1566 Zeiris, and, in the said Letteris of Procurato-
 rie, of the Date, at *Hamiltoun* the xxviii Day of *July* in-
 stant, subscrivit, as apeirit, with the Handis of the saids
Archebischope and Commendatare, and thair the said *Ar-*
thour, Procurator foirsaid, in name and behalff of the said
 Duke of *Chestelarault*, protestit, that quhatsumevir Thing is
 done, or to be done, towart the Coronatioun of the said
 maist excellent Prince, quhat Actis, Consentis, Constitu-
 tionis beis maid thairupon, fould on na wayis prejuge or

be hurtfull to the said nobill and michtie Duke of *Che-
stelarault*, and the remanent of the Queins Majestie of
Scotlandis royall Blude, lawchfullie descendit, in thair
Titill and Successioun of the said Crown, quhen evir it
fall pleise God, be ony just Richt, to call thame thairto,
mair nor the said Coronatioun had nevir bein done, and
thairupon askit Instrumentis and Documentis of us Con-
notaris publict undersubscrivand. This was done in the
Counsal-hale, within the Castel of *Striveling*, Day, Zeir
and Place abovewrittin.

THE same Day, within the Paroch-kirk of *Strive-
ling*, convenit the nobill and michtie Lordis underwrittin,
thay ar to say, *James* Erll of *Mortoun* Lord *Dalkeyth*,
Johnne Erll of *Atholl* Lord of *Balvany*, *Alexander* Erll
of *Glencairne* Lord of *Kilmarwis*, *Johnne* Erll of *Mar*
Lord *Erskine*, *Williame* Erll of *Menteith*, *Johnne* Mai-
ster of *Grahame*, *Alexander* Lord *Hume*, *Patryck* Lord
Lindesay of *The Byris*, *Williame* Lord *Ruthven*, *Edward*
Lord *Creichtoun* of *Sanguhair*, *Robert* Lord *Sempill*,
Johnne Lord *Innermeth*, *Andro* Lord *Uchiltre*, *James*
Lord *Sanct Johnnes* of *Torphichen*, *Adame* Bischope of
Orknay, *Robert* Commendatare of *Damfermline*, *James*
Commendatare of *Saint Colmis* Inche, *Adame* Commen-
datare of *Cambuskyneth*, *Johnne* Commendatare of *Dry-
burgh*,

burgh and *Inchemahome*, *Alexander* Commendatare of *Culross*, *Robert* Minster of *Failfurd*, Mr. *Robert Richertson*, Commendatare of *Saint Marie Ile*, *Thefaurare*, Sir *Williame Murray* of *Tulibardin* Knycht, Comptroller, *Williame Maitland* of *Lethingtoun* zoungar, Secretare, Sir *Johnne Bellenden* of *Auchnowle* Knycht, Clerk of Justiciarie, Maister *Johnne Prestoun* and *Nicholl Udart*, Commissioneris of the Burgh of *Edinburgh*, *Jobne Erskine* of *Dun* Provest of *Montrois*, Maister *James Halieburtown* Provest of *Dunde*, *Johnne Stewart* of *Mynto* Knycht, Provest of *Glasgow*, *Johnne Craigingilt* of that Ilk, Provest of *Striveling*, *Charles Drumond* Provest of *Linlythquow*, the Commissioneris alsua of *Air*, *Irwing*, and diverse vtheris of the Nobilitie, Spiritualitie, Commissioneris of Burrowis, and Baronis, quhair the richt heich and illuster Prince, JAMES, be the Grace of God, Prince and Stewart of *Scotland*, being presentit: In Presence of his Grace, and of the Lordis of the Nobilitie, Spiritualitie, Commissioneris of Burrowis, and Baronis foirfaids, efter Invocatioun of the Name of God, the faids *Patryck* Lord *Lindesay* of *The Byris*, and *Williame* Lord *Ruthven*, at Command, and be Vertue of the Quenis Majestie oure Soverane Ladys Letteris, subscrivit with hir Hand, and under hir Previe Seill, compeirit, and, in hir Majesties Name, and upon hir Behalff, dimittit and renun-

nunceit the Governament, Gyding and Rewling of this Realme, Liegis and Subjectis thair of, all Intromissoun with the Propertie, Casualtie, or utheris Thingis appertaining to hir Hienes thairby, and all Richt and Titill that scho had, hes, or may haiff, be ony Maner of Way thairto, in favouris of the said maist excellent Prince, hir deirest Sone, to the Effect that he micht be inaugurat and placeit in this Kingdome, the Crown Royall deliverit to him, and be obeyit in all Thingis concerning the same, as hir Majestie, or hir Predecessouris, hes bene in Tymes bypast; and, in Signe and Takin thair of, the saidis Lordis *Lindsay* and *Ruthven* presentit, befor the saidis Lordis of the Nobilitie, Spiritualitie, Commissioneris of Burrowis, Baronis, and Peopill convenit, the Sword, Sceptour, and Royall Crown of this Realme, requiring the saidis Letteris and Commissioun to be red, and insert in the Bukis of Secreit Counsale, *ad perpetuam rei memoriam*, as alsua the uther Twa Commissionis following, concerning the Regiment of this Realme during the Minoritie of the said maist excellent Prince; of the quhilkis the Tenouris followis, *Marie, &c.*

QUHILKIS being opinlie red, the saidis Erlls of *Mortoun*, *Atholl*, *Glencairne*, *Mar*, *Menteith*, Maister of *Grahame*, Lord *Hume*, Bischope of *Orknay*, in name of the Thre Estatis presentlie convenit and assemblit according

ding to the Command and Tenour of the said first Commission, receaved the said Renunciation and Dimission in favouris of the said maist excellent Prince ; and, eftir the reffaving thair of, the said *James* Erll of *Mortoun*, inclynand his Bodie, and layand his Hand on the Buke of God, in name, and upon the behalff of his Grace, solemnitlie maid the Ayth and Promise following, *to wit*,

“ I JAMES, Prince and Stewart of *Scotland*, promise
 “ faythfullie, in the Presence of the Eternal my God,
 “ that I, induring the haill Cours of my Lyff, fall serve the
 “ same Eternal, my God, to the uttermost of my Power,
 “ according as he requirit in his maist holie Word, revelit
 “ and contenit in the New and Auld Testamentis, and,
 “ according to the same Word, fall manteine the trew
 “ Religioun of *Jesus Christ*, the Preiching of his holie
 “ Word, and dew and rycht Ministratioun of his Sacramentis, now reffavit and practizit within this Realme, and fall abolishe and gainstand all fals Religioun contrair to the same, and fall rewle the Peopill comittit to my Charge, according to the Will and Command of God revelit in his foirsaid Word, and according to the lovabill Lawis and Constitutionis resavit in this Realme, na wayis repugnant to the said Word of the Eternal, my God, and fall procure to my uttermost, to the Kirk of God, and haill Cristiane Peopill, trew and perfyte Peace, in all
 “ Tymes

“ Tymes coming. The Richtis and Rentis, with all just
 “ Privilegis of the Crown of *Scotland*, I fall preserve and
 “ keip unviolat, nother fall I transferr nor alienat the same.
 “ I fall forbid and repress, in all Estaitis and all Degreis,
 “ Reiff, Oppressioun, and all kynd of Wrang. In all
 “ Jugementis I fall command and procure, that Justice
 “ and Equitie be kepit to all Creaturis, without Excep-
 “ tioun, as he be mercyfull to me and zow, *that is*, the
 “ Lord and Fader of all Mercyis; and, out of all my
 “ Landis and Impyre, I fall be cairfull to ruit out all He-
 “ retykis and Enemyis to the trew Wirschip of God, that
 “ fall be convict be the trew Kirk of God of the foirsaidis
 “ Crymes. And thir Thingis abovewrittin I faythfullie
 “ affirme be my solempnit Ayth. ”

EFTIR the quhilk solempnit Ayth and Promeiss, the
 saidis Lordis of the Nobilitie, Spiritualitie, and Commis-
 sioneris of Burrowis, as the Estatis of the Realme, be the
 Ministratioun of the said reverend Fader *Adame* Bischop
 of *Orkney*, anointed the said maist excellent Prince, in
 King of the Realme, and Dominionis thair of, investit and
 inaugurat his Grace thairin, deliverit in his Handis the
 Sword and Sceptour, and put the Crown royall upon his
 Heid, with all due Reverence, Ceremonies and Circum-
 stances requisite and accustomat, and gaiff thair Aythis
 for dew and lauchfull Homage and Obedience to be maid
 be

be thame to him in all Tymes cuming, as becumis Subjectis to do to thair native King and Prince ; quhairupoun the said Sir *Johnne Bellenden*, Justice-clerk, in name of the saidis Estaitis, and als *Johnne Knox* Minister, and *Robert Campbell* of *Kinzeancleuch*, askit Actis, Instrumentis and Documentis.

Proclamation of the King's Authority.

From the Records of Privy Council.

Apud Striviling, penult. Julii, Anno Dom. 1567.

FORSAEMEKILL as it hes pleasit almighty God to call the Kingis Majestie, our Soverane Lord, unto the Royall Crown and Government of this Realme, be Dimission of the Quene his Moder, past be hir under hir Hand-write and Privie Seill, as ye samin, of ye Date ye xxiii Day of *July* instant, 'proports, according to the quhilk, vpon ye xxix Day of the same Monith, his Hieness is crounit, innougurat and establisit in yis Kingdome, in ye Presence of ye Nobility and Estates, convenit for Executioun and Accomplishment of the Quenis Will and Comissioun forsaid, and hes given his princely Ayth for due Administration and Governing of ye Affairs of yis Commoun-weill, and of all his loveing and good Sub-

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jectis,

jectis, as ye Custome is : Quhairfoir his Hieness ordanis Lettres to be direct to make Publication heirof, be opin Proclamation at the Mercat-crosses of all Burrowes of yis Realme, and vther Places neidfull, and to command and charge all and sundrie ye said Subjectis, yat yai, and every ane of yam, obey, serve and reverence his Hieness in all Thingis, as becomes faythfull and good Subjectis to do unto yair lauchfull and native Prince, and yat yai keep publick Peace and Tranquillity amangst yamsel-fis in ye Fear of God, and debtfull Obedience of his Majestie, and studie to contene yam, and direct yair Lives and Behaviour according to ye Lawes of yis Realme, as his Hieness, on ye vther Part, promittis, to all his good Subjectis, to execute his kingly Office in advanceing of the Glory of God, and maintaining of Vertue and Justice, and in punishing and repressing of Vice, Innormities and all Transgressors of ye Lawis ; certifying yam yat pre-fumes, or does ony Thing in the contrair, yai shall be esteemed as rebellious Personis, Disobeyers, and Gainstanders of his Authoritie, and extreamly punishit yairfoir with all Rigour, in Example of vthers.

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Acceptation of the Regency by the Earl of *Murray*.

From the Records of Privy Council.

Apud Edinburg, 22 Aug. Anno Dom. 1567.

THE quhilk Day, in Presence of ye Lordis of Secret Counsale, Nobilitie, Spiritualitie, Commisioneris of Burrowis and Baronis, convenit within the Tolbuyth of ye Burgh of *Edinburgh*, wes presentit ane Commissioun subscriuit be ye Quenis Majestie, owre Souerane Lordis dearest Moder, and under hir Hienes Privie Seill, of ye Dait, at *Lochlevin*, the xxiiii Day of *July* last bypast, quhilk wes oppinlie red, the Tennour quhairof followis.

“ *MARIE*, be ye Grace of God, Quene of *Scottis*,
 “ To all and findrie Oure Jugeis and Ministeris of Oure
 “ Lawis, Liegis and Subdittis quhome it efferis, to quhais
 “ Knowlege yir Oure Lettres fall cum : **FORSAME-**
 “ **KILL** as, eftir lang, greit and intollerabill Panis and
 “ Laubouris taken be us, sen Oure Arryvall, as is expref-
 “ sit at Lenth in ye Act abovewrittin, maid ye xxv Day
 “ of *July* last bypast.

EFTER ye publict Reding of ye quhilk Comissioun, and Invocatioun of ye Name of God, ye said nobill and mychty Lord *James* Erle of *Murray*, reffavit and accep- tit upoun him ye Office of Regentrie of oure Soverane Lord his Realme and Liegis, and gaif his Ayth for debt- full Administratioun yairof, efter ye Forme and Tenour of ye said Comissioun in all Pointis. The quhilk Ayth ye Tennour alswa followis.

“ I *James* Erle of *Murray* Lord *Abernethe*, promisses
 “ faythfully, in ye Presence of ye Eternall, my God, yat
 “ I, induring ye haill Cours of my Lyff, fall serve ye
 “ same Eternall, my God, to ye uttermost of my Power,
 “ according as he requirit in his maist holy Word, reve-
 “ lit and contenit in ye New and Auld Testament, and,
 “ according to ye same Word, fall manteine ye trew Re-
 “ ligeoun of *Jesus Cryst*, ye Preaching of his holy Word,
 “ and dew and ryght Administratioun of his Sacramentis,
 “ now reffavit and practizit within yis Realme, and als
 “ fall abolishe and gaineftand all fals Religeoun contrarie
 “ to ye same, and fall rewle ye Peopill comittit to my
 “ Charge and Regiment during ye Minoritie and Lesage
 “ of ye King, my Souerane, according to ye Will and
 “ Comand of God revelit in his forsaid Word, and ac-
 “ cording to ye lovabill Lawis and Constitutionis reffavit
 “ within yis Realme, nawayis repugnant to ye said Word
 of

“ of ye Eternall, my God, and fall procure to my utter-
 “ meft, to ye Kirk of God, and haill Cristiane Peopill,
 “ trew and perfect Peace in all Tymes cuming. Ye
 “ Richtis and Rentis, with all juft Privileges of ye Re-
 “ alme of *Scotland*, I fall preserve and keip inviolat, na-
 “ ther fall I transferr nor alienat ye famyn. I fall forbid
 “ and reprefs, in all Estaittis and all Degreis, Reifeit,
 “ Oppressioun, and all kynd of Wrang. In all Juge-
 “ mentis I fall comand and procure, yat Justice and
 “ Equitie be kepit to all Creaturis, without Exceptioun,
 “ as he be mercifull to me and zow, *that is*, the Lord
 “ and Fader of all Merceis; and, out of yis Realme of
 “ *Scotland*, and Impyre yairof, I fall be cairfull to rute
 “ out all Heretykis and Ennemies to ye trew Worship
 “ of God, yat fall be convict be ye trew Kirk of God of
 “ ye foirfaids Crymes. And thir Thingis abovewrittin I
 “ faythfullie affirme be yis my solempnit Ayth. ”

The

The Proclamation of the Earl of *Murray's* Regency.

From the Records of Privy Council.

Apud Edinburg, 22 Aug. Anno Dom. 1567.

FORSAMEKILL as ye Quene, Moder to oure Souerane Lord ye King, ye Tyme of hir Subscriptioun of ye Comissioun and Lettres of Procuratorie, be ye quhilk sche dimittit, renunceitt ye Governament of yis Realme in ye favouris of oure said Souerane Lord, considerand yat, be resoun of his tender Zouth, he wes not of Abilitie, of his awin Persoun, to administrat in his kinglie Roume and Governament, as wes requisite, and knawing ye Proximitie and Tendarness of Blude standing betwix him and hir dearest Bruther, *James* Erle of *Murray* Lord *Abernethe*, of quhais Affection and kyndlie Lufe towartis his Majestie, and ye Comoun-weill of yis Realme, sche wes, and is maist assurit, in respect quhair- of, as of ye Certaintie of hir said Brotheris Sufficiencie and gude Qualificatioun, hir Grace, be hir Lettres als wa subscrivit with her Hand, and under hir Previe Seill, of ye Dait abovewrittin, maid, namitt, appointit, constituit and ordanit him Regent to hir said dearest Sone, yis
Realme

Realme and Liegis yairof, during his Minoritie and les Aige, and ay and quhill he be of Aige of Seventene Zeiris compleit, willand yat he be callit, durence ye said Space, *Regent* to oure Souerane Lord, his Realme and Liegis, with Power to hir said dearest Bruther, in Name, Authoritie and Behalf of oure said Souerane Lord, to use and exerce ye said Office of Regentrie, in all Thingis, Privilegis and Commodities pertaining yairto, siclyke als frelie, and with als greit Libertie, as ony Regent or Governour to ye Quene, or hir Predicessouris, useit, in any Tymes bygane, lykeas, at mair Lenth, is contenit in ye Comissioun foirsaid, past yairupoun, of ye Dait, ye xxiiii Day of *July* last bypast, quhilk, befoir and in ye Tyme of oure Souerane Lordis Coronatioun, solempnizat upoun ye xxix Day of ye said Month, wes red, considderit, fund gude and expedient; and, be ye Estaites yan convenit, ratifeit, approvit and condescendit unto. Sen ye quhilk Tyme, at ye Plesure of almightie God, ye said nobill Lord returning to yis Realme, his native Cuntrie, considering ye Quenis deliberate Will and Mynd, not onlie be hir said Comissiounis, but alswa be hir awin Mouth and Voce, yat he sould accept ye said Office and Charge; for Obedience yairof, and movit of ye naturall and entire Affectioun quhilk he beiris to the Welfair and Preservatioun of oure said Soverane Lord, and Comoun-weill of
yis

yis Realme, hes acceptit and reſſavit ye Charge and Of-
 fice of Regentrie upoun his Perſoun, and hes gevin his
 Ayth, in Prefence of ye Lordis of Secreit Counſale, for
 debtfull Adminiſtratioun yairof, to ye Pleſure of God,
 oure Soveranis Honour, and Comoditie of all ye gude Sub-
 jectis of yis Realme. Thairfoir ordainis Lettres to be
 direct to mak Publicatioun heirof, be oppin Proclamati-
 on, at ye Mercat-croce of *Edinburgh*, and all vtheris
 Mercat-croces of ye heid Burrowis and Schyris of yis
 Realme, and vtheris Places neidfull, yat nane pretend Ig-
 norance of ye ſamyn, and to comand and charge all and
 fundrie ye Liegis and Subdittis quhatſumevir, to reddilie
 anſwer, intend and obey to ye ſaid Lord Regent, in his
 ſaid Office and Charge of Regencie, during ye ſaid Space
 of our Souerane Lordis Minoritie, and to nane vtheris,
 ſiclyke as any vtheris Princes, or Gouvernouris and Re-
 gentis hes bene obeyit in Tymis bigane, under ye Pane of
 Treſoun; certifieing all and quhatſomevir Perſounis yat
 dois in ye contrair, reſiſtand anie Soueranes Authoritie,
 and diſſobeyand ye ſaid Regent, they ſall be repuite and
 haldin as plane Ganſtandaris of his Majeſties Authoritie,
 and ſall be puneiſt yairfoir with all Rigour, in Exampill
 of vtheris.

An

An Act of the Privy Council concerning the Delivery to the Earl of *Murray*, Regent, of a Silver Box, with Letters, &c. betwixt Queen *Mary* and the Earl of *Bothwell*.

From the Records of Privy Council.

Apud Edinburg, 16 Sept. Anno Dom. 1568.

THE quhilk Day, ye nobill and potent Prince *James* Erll of *Murray* Lord *Abirnetbie*, Regent to our Soverane Lord his Realme and Liegis, grantit and confessit him to have reffavit fra *James* Erll of *Mortoun* Lord of *Dalkeyth*, Chancelar of *Scotland*, ane Silver Box owergilt with Gold, with all missive Letteres, Contraictis, or Obligationis for Marriage, Sonets, or Luifballettis, and utheris Lettres contenit yairin, send and past betwix ye Queene, our Soverane Lordis Moder, and *James* sumtyme Erll *Bothuile*. Quhilk Box, and haill Pecis within the samyn, wer takin and fund with umquhile *George Dalglesche*, Seruand to ye said Erll *Bothuile*, upoun the xx Day of *Junii*, ye Zeir of God 1567 Zeirs; and yairfoir the said Lord Regent for himself, and takand the Burding upon him for ye remanent No-

billmen, and utheris professing ye Querrel, and Obedience of oure said Souerane Lord, exoneris, quitclaimis and dischargeis ye said Erll of *Mortoun* of the said Box, and of all ye saidis missive Writtingis, Contractis, Obligationis, Sonetis, Luif-ballettis, and utheris Lettres quhatsumevir fund and contenit yairin ye Tyme of his Recept and Intromissioun yairwith, testifieing and declaring, yat he hes trewlie and honestlie observit and kepit ye said Box, and haill Writtis and Pecis forsaids within ye fame, without ony Alteratioun, Augmentatioun, or Diminutioun yairof in ony Part or Portioun ; and als ye said Lord Regent, upoun his Honour, faythfullie promittis, that the said haill Lettres and Writtingis sal be alwayis readie and furthcumand to ye said Erll of *Mortoun*, and remanent Nobillmen yat enterit in the Querrell of revengeing of ye King our Soverane Lordis Faderis Murthor, quhensoevir yai sal haif to do yairwith, for manifesting of the Ground and Equitie of yair Proceedingis, to all quhome it effeiris.

A Declaration by the Earl of *Murray* and his Colleagues, that the Letters, and other Papers exhibited by them to the Council of *England*, against Queen *Mary*, are Originals, and authentick.

An Original.

QUHAIRAS, for Verificatioun of the Eik or Addition to our Answer, presentit be us agains the Accusatioun of our Adversaries, concerning the Murthor of umquhil King *Henry*, of gude Memorie, our Souerane Lordis deereft Fader, we haif producit diverse missive Lettres, Sonnets, Obligatiouns or Contracts for Marriage betwix the Quene, Modir to our said Souerane, and *James* sometime E. *Bothwile*, as writtin or subscrivit be hir Hand, quhilks were interceptit and cum to our Handes, closit within a Silver Box, in sic Maner as is alredy manifestit and declarit: And we, be the Tenour heirof, testifies, avowis and affirmis, vpon our Honours and Consciencs, that the saidis haill missive Writings, Sonnetis, and Obligatiouns or Contracts, are undoubtedly the said Quenis proper Hand-write, except the Contract in *Scottis*, of the Dait, at *Seitoun* the fift Day of *Aprile*,
1567.

1567. written be the E. of *Huntly*, quhilk alsua we understand and perfectlie knawis to be subscrivit be hir, and will tak the same upon our Honours and Consciencs, as is befoir said. In Witness quhairof we haif subscrivit thir Presents with our Hands, at *Westminster* the 10 Day of *December*, the Zeir of God 1568 Yeirs.

James Regent,

Mortoun,

Ad. Orchaden.

Patrick L. Lindsay,

Dumfermling.

F I N I S.

SOME ADDITIONS to the Second Volume.

THE COPIE of a LETTER written by one in London to his Friend, concerning the Credit of the late published Detection of the Doynges of the Ladie Mary of Scotland.

From a Printed Copie without Place or Date.

MANY are the Practises of *Papistes* and other false and hollow hearted Subjectes, and wonder it is what they dare do and say, as if they had the Majestie of our Prince in Contempt, or did still beare themselves bold upon the Successe of some mightie Treason, the Bottome whereof hath not yet bene thoroughly searched.

OF late hath bene Published out of *Scotland*, a Treatise detectyng the foule Doynges of some that have bene dangerous to our Noble Quene, by which Detection is induced a uery excellent Comparifon for all *Englishmen* to judge whether it be good to chaunge Queenes or no, and therewith a necessary Enforcement to every honest Man to pray hartely for the Long continuance of our good Mother to rule over us, that our Posteritie may not see her Place left empty for a perilous Stepedame. Some caryed with *Popishe* Affection that regardeth neither naturall Prince nor Contrey, and puffed with the

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Dropsey of a trayterous Humor, labour what they can to discredit the same Detection as untrue. Some of them, whyle they lyke good sincere Men forsoth, would fayne seme very indifferent Judges, say they will credit Nothyng till they hear both Parties, not remembryng that in the same one Booke are both Parties to be heard, the one in the former Part both in the Declaration and Oration of Evidence: The other in the latter Part, in the Parties own Contractes, Songes, Letters, iudicial Proceedynges, Protestations, Examinations and Confessions.

SOME other more open Fellowes, say flatly that all is false, the Booke hath no Credit, the Author is unknowne, obscure, the Matter counterfaite, and all is Nothyng.

IF any such Rumors come to your Eare, first I thinke verely in Truth you may be bold to say to the Partie, *Et tu ex illis es*, Thou art also one of them. And for the Matter I have thought good to enforme you of so much as I know for Profe of the same Treatise to be of Credite, wherewith you may aunswere and stoppe the Mouthes of such Rumor Spreaders.

THE Booke itselke, with the Oration of Evidence, is written in *Latine* by a Learned Man of Scotland, M. George Buchanan, one privie to the procedynges of the Lordes of the Kynges Secret Counsell there, well able to understand and disclose the Truth, hauyng easie Accessse also to all the
 Recordes

Recordes of that Contrey that might helpe hym. Besides that the Booke was written by hym, not as of hymselfe, nor in hys owne Name; but accordyng to the Instructions to hym given by common Conference of the Lordes of the Priuie Counfel of *Scotland*, by hym onely for hys Learnyng penned, but by them the Mater ministered, the Booke ouerseen and allowed, and exhibited by them as Mater that they have offered and do continue in offeryng to stand to and justifie before our Soueraigne Ladie, or her Highnesses Commissioners in that behalfe appointed. And what Prose they have made of it already, when they were here for that Purpose, and the sayd Authour of the sayd Booke one among them, when both Parties, or their sufficient Procurators were here present indifferently to be heard, and so were heard in deede, all good Subjectes may easely gather by our sayd Soueraigne Ladyes Proceedyng sins the sayd Hearyng of the cause; who no dout would never have so stayed her request, but rather would have added Enforcement by ministring of Aide to the Lady *Marie* of *Scotland*, for her Restitution (the President and Honor of Princes, and her Maiesties own former Example of Sinceritie used in Defense of the *Scottish* Queene her selfe in *Scotland*, against *France*, and her Maintenance of the *French* Kinges Honour and Libertie against the hye Attemptes of some

of his *Popish* Subiectes considered) nor would have lyued in such good Amitie with the young Kyng of *Scotland*, the Regentes, and the true Lordes Mainteners of that Side, if these haynous Offenses alleged on that Part had not been prouable, or if the young Kyng had ben an Ufurper, or hys Regentes, and other Lordes of that Faction, Traytors ; as they must have ben if all be false that is obiected agaynst the sayd Ladie *Marie*.

I recite not what Subscriptions and Assentes haue ben to confirme the Booke and the Maters in it conteined ; Byside that I do you to wyte that one written Copie thereof in *Latine* was now upon hys late Apprehension found in one of the Duke of *Norfolkes* mens houses, and thether sent by hys Commaundement a little before hys Apprehension to be Secretlie kept there, with devers other Pamphlets and Writynges. Whiche Thyng not onely addeth Credit to this Booke that it was not Counterfait, but also geueth shrewed Suspitions that the Duke could not so well lyke the Woman beyng such a Woman, as for her Persons Sake to venture the ouerthrow of such a flourishing State wherein he stode before ; but that some other greater Thyng it might be that he lyked, the Gredynesse whereof myght temper his abhorryng of so foule Conditions, and of so great a Danger to hymselfe to be sent after his Predecessours. The Byshop of *Rosse*
lykewise

lykewise doth both knowe that the Duke had this Booke, and can tell how the Duke came by it.

THE other Mater of the Contractes, Letters, Songes, &c. haue, among other, these proues, Liuely Wittneses of great Honour and Credit can tell that the very Casket there described was here in *England* shewed, the Letters and other Monumentes opened and exhibited, and so much as is there sayd to haue been written or subscribed by the sayd Ladie *Marie*, the Erle *Bothwell*, or other, hath been by Testimonies and Othes of Men of Honor and Credit of that Contrey, testified and auowed in Presence of Persones of most honourable State and Authoritie to haue ben written and subscribed as is there alleged, and so delivered without rasure Diminution, Addition, Falsifieng, or Alteration in any Point. And a Number there be in *England*, of very good and worshipful Callyng, byside the Commissioners thereto apoynted, That have seene the Originals themselues of the same Handes, whoes this Booke doth say them to be. Whiche Thinges haue been heard and understoode by those that can tell, and those whoes Truth in Reportyng is aboue all Exception.

WHEREFORE sithe the *Scottishemen* haue, for Satisfaction of us their good Neyghbours, among whom the sayd Ladie *Marie* remayneth to the Perill of both Princes, as the *Scottishemen* say, published these Maters, to the
Intent

Intent that the Impudencie of the sayd Ladie *Maries* Fau-
 tors in denyeng those Truthes may not seduce *English*
 Subiectes to the underminyng of the Estate, Honor and
 noble Procedyng of our most gracious Soueraigne, and
 divertyng of Affections to undue Places, and to the Great
 Perill of both Realmes, which the Aduersaries call bene-
 ficiall Unityng, but is in deede most malleficiall confoundyng,
 intended to joyne the Realmes in other Persones, exclu-
 dyng the Person of our sayd Soueraign Lady : Let us re-
 ceive this Admonishment thankfully, and gather the
 Frute thereof to the stablishment of our Loyaltie to
 our owne Queene agaynst whom the Fauorers of the o-
 ther Side haue banded themselves in Hostilitie and Trea-
 son.

THIS I have thought good to write to you for your
 Satisfaction in Knowledge of the Case, whom I know
 alreadie sufficiently satisfied in good and dutifull Affec-
 tion. God disclose these hollow Hartes, or rather God
 graunt her Majestie, and those that be in Authoritie un-
 der her, an earnest Will to see them, for they will dis-
 close themselves fast enough. And God send her Maje-
 stie so to remove the Groundes of her Perill, that not
 onely we which by open thrustyng our selves agaynst her
 Enemyes have set up our rest upon our Queene *Eliza-
 beth*, and shall never be admitted to favour on the other
 Side,

Side, but also all wise and honest Men may know that it shalbe safe to be true, and daungerous to be false. Otherwise the Mischief is evident, for Men in Nature and in Policie will seke for their own Safeties, which if they may not finde in truth, it is a great Auauncement of Falsehode. God long Preserve our good and gracious Quene *Elizabeth*, and make her Enemyes know that there is sure Peril in Treason, and her true Subjectes bold to sticke to her without Dread of any Revenge or Displeasure. So fare ye well.

FOR further Proofo that the sayd Letters written by the said Ladie *Marie* and mentioned in the sayde Booke are not counterfait but her owne, I haue herewith also sent you the most autentike testimonie of the three Estates of *Scotland* assembled in Parliament. The copie of which Acte you shall receive word for worde as it was enacted in *Scotland* in *December* 1567. and remaineth publikely in print, sauyng that I have for your more easy understanding changed the *Scottish* Orthography, which I would to God had been done for *Englishmens* better Satisfaction in Maister *George Buchanan's* Boke. Howbeit the same is not so hard but that after the readyng of two leaves a man may easily enough grow acquainted with it, and doutless the knowlege and monumentes therein

in contained are wel worth so small a trauell to understand them.

T H E *Scottishe Act of Parliament. Touching the Retention of our Soueraigne Lordes mothers persone.*

“ **I** T E M touching the Article propounded by the
 “ Earles, Lordes, and other Noble men, who tooke
 “ armes at *Carbarie hill*, upon the 15th Day of *June* last
 “ bypast, and touching their conveninges of before, and
 “ of the Cause of the Apprehension of the Queene Mo-
 “ ther to our Soueraigne Lord, &c. As in the Act of
 Parliament already printed in this Volume, *Page 220.* In-
 titled *Anent the Retentioun of our Souerane Lordis Motheris*
Person.

T H E N the Author of this Letter concludes in the Words here following.

T H I S Act with the rest is thus subscribed in the Scot-
 tishe Booke, *Extractum de Libro Actorum Parliamentj per*
me Jacobum Makgill de Rankelour Nether Clericum Rotula-
rum Registrij ac consilij, S. D. N. Regis sub meis signo et
subscriptione manualibus. **J A C O B U S M A K G I L L.** And
 is imprinted at *Edinburgh*, by *Robert Lekpreuik*, Printer
 to the King's Majestie the vi. Day of *Aprill*, in the Yeare
 of God 1568.

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A PAPER containing a short Recital of some material Passages concerning Mary Queen of Scots by Way of Diary from the Birth of her Son to her going into England. 1566

Taken from a Copie marked with Secretary Cecil's Hand.

JUNE 19. King *James* the sixt was borne.
 July 20. O R thairby Q. *Mary* fled the Kingis Cumpany and past be boytt with the Pyrattis to *Alloway*, whair the King cumming wes repulfit.

August 13. T H E Quene past to *Meggitland*, to the Huntis. From the Byrth of the Prince to this Tyme the Kinge wes put to abyid in *Dalkeyth*, and after the returninge frome the Hunts of *Meggitland*, was sent to *Striviling*. About this Tyme my L. of *Murray*, aggreit the King and hir and thay past to *Bed togydder*.

September 24. S H E Ludgit in the *Chekker hows* and met with *Bothwell*. The King cumming frome *Striviling* wes repulfit with *Chyding*.

October 7. M Y Lord *Bothwell* was hurt in *Lyddisdaill*, and the Quene raid to *Borthick*.

1566 8. THE Quene was adverst and haistyt to *Jedbrough*, and from thence to the *Armitage*, and contracted her Seekness returning to *Jedbrough*, whair she remaynit to the fyrst Day of *November* that *Bothwell* was convalescit. Heir the King wyfit hir and was repulfit.

November 5. THE Quene and *Bothwell* came to *Kelfo* and abed twa Nychts.

7. THAI cam to *Langtoun*.

9. THAI cam to *Wedderbourn*.

10. THAI cam to *Coldinghayme* quhair the *Ladie Reres* and those in her Cumpanye wer taken be the Watch.

12. THAI cam to *Dumbar* and remaynit three Nychts.

16. THAI cam to *Tamtalloun*, to the Lard of *Bass*.

17. THAI boyth returnit to *Craigmiller*, and began to Raision upon the Dyvorce betwixt her and her Husband the King, and thair abood to the third of *December*. In this Tyme, the Kyng cam furth of *Striviling*, and offred himselfe to her and was repulfit.

December 3. THAI came to *Edynbrough*, and hir speciall Cayr wes upon the Erle *Bothwells* Preparations of Cleything for the Baptisme. About this Tyme cam my Lord of *Bedford* into *Edynbrough*.

Dec. 5.

Dec. 5. THAI pass to *Striviling*, tuik the Kyng frome his 1566
Ludging in *William Bellis* Hous to the Castell, and placed him worry obscuirly thair.

17. THE Prince now our Soverayne wes baptised, and thai remaynit eftir to the 24th thair.

24. THAI departit to *Drymen* to my Lord *Drummonds*, (my Lord *Bedford* being departed the Day before to *Saint Andrews*) and remaynit thair Five Days. And the Kyng was now departit to *Glasgow* quhair he fell deadly feck.

31. THAY returned togyther to *Striviling*, and thair remayned to the 14th of *January*.

Januarij 6. THE Secretarye wes maryit in *Striviling*.

14. THAI returnit and brought the Prince with thayme to *Edynbrough*. Remayned to the 21st of *January*, and then wes the Quene going to *Glasgow*.

21. THE Quene tuick hir Journay towards *Glasgow*, and was accompanyit with the Erles of *Huntly*, and *Bothwell* to the *Kalendar* my Lord *Levisteins* Place.

23. THE Quene came to *Glasgow*, and on the Rode met hir *Thomas Crauford* from the Erle of *Lennux* and Sir *James Hamilton*, with the rest mentionit in her Letter, Erle *Huntly* and *Bothwell* returnit that fame Nyght to *Edynbrough*, and *Bothwell* lay in the Town.

24. THE Quene remaynit at *Glasgow* lyck as she did the 25th and the 26th and hayd the Conference with

1566 the Kyng whereof she wryttis and in this Tyme wrayt hir bylle and uther Letteris to *Bothwell*. And *Bothwell* this 24th Day wes found werray Tymus weseing the Kyngis Ludging that wes in preparing for him, and the same Nycht tuik Journey towards *Lyddisdaill*.

January 27. THE Quene (conforme to hir Commis- sion as she wryttis) brout the King frome *Glasgow* to the Kalendar towards *Edynbrough*.

28. THE Quene brout the King to *Linlythguow*, and there remayned all Morn quhile she gat Word of my Lord *Bothwell* his returning towards *Edynbrough* be *Hob Ormiston*, one of the Murtheraris. The same Day the Erle *Bothwell* came back from *Lyddisdaill* towards *Edynbrough*.

29. SHE remaynid all Day in *Lynglithguow* with the Kyng, and Wraytt from thence to *Bothwell*.

30. THE Quene brout the King to *Edynbrough*, and patt him in his Ludging quhair he endit; and *Bothwell* keipping tryist met hir upon the Way.

February 5. SHE Ludged all Nycht under the King in the Chalmer quhairin the Poulder was layd thairafter, and quhairof *Paris* hir Chalmerchild resaved the Keye.

7. SHE Ludged and lay all Nycht againe in the fore- said Chalmer and from thence wraytt that same Nycht the Letter concerning the Purpose of the Abbot of *Halysrudhouse*.

February

February 8. S H E confronted the Kyng, and my Lord 1566
of *Halyruidhouse* conform to hir Letter wryttin the Nycht
before.

9. S H E and *Bothwell* soupped at the Bankett with
the Bishop of the *Yllis* and eftir past oup accompanyit
with *Argyle*, *Huntley* and *Bothwell*, to the Kings Chalmer,
and thair thai remaynit Cheriffing him quhile *Bothwell*
and his Complices hayd putt all Thingis to Ordor, and
Paris her Chalmer Child hayd refaved in hir Chalmer the
pulder, and came up againe and gef the Signe. And
thai departit to *Bastienis* Banquett and Masque about
Eleven Houris, and thaireftir thai baith returnit to the Ab-
bay, and talkit quhile twelve Hours and eftir.

10. B E T W I X twa and three of the Clock, the King
was blawin in the Ayre be the Poulder.

11. T H E Quene wrayt to my Lord of *Lennux*, pro-
mising to tak Tryall.

12. T H E Kyngs Body was brout down, and layd
in the Chapell, and she remaynit at *Edynbrough* with
Bothwell to the 21st heirof. In this meyn Tyme wer
Mony Placards fet oup. And *Hary Killygrawe* arraywit
from the Quenes Majestie [of *England*.]

21. T H A Y past togydder to *Seytoun*, and thair past
Tyme meryly to the 10th of *Marche* quhile Le Crok the
French Ambassadour perswaded hir to returne to *Edynbrogh*.

Marche

1566 *Marche* 10. *T H A Y* returnit to *Edynbrough* be persua-
sion of *Le Crok* quhair thai remaynit whill the 24th of
the same, earnestly trying the oupssetting of the Placards,
but newer Word of the Kyngis Murther. At this tyme
my Lord *Regent*, purchaist leif to depart.

1567 24. *T H A I* returnit againe to *Seytoun*, and thair past
thair Tyme meryly in all Solace, quhill the 10th of
Apryill 1587.

Apryill 5. *T H E* second Contract of Mariage, *per verba
de presenti* wes maid and wryttin be my Lord of *Hunt-
ly*, quho for his restoring againe the forfaltour haid pur-
chassed an procuratorye subscrywit with his Sisters Hand,
then wyif to *Bothwell*, and thair wes the Counsale hal-
ding for the cleansing of *Bothwell*.

9. *M Y* Lord *Regent* departed furth of *Scotland*.

10. *T H A Y* returnit to *Eynbrough* to *Bothwell's* clen-
ging.

12. *Q U H I L K* wes Setterday, *Bothwell* was clengit
werray strangely as the Proceß beys.

14. *Q U H I L K* wes *Mounday*, the first Day of the Par-
liament, set onlie for Reduction of my Lord *Huntley's*
Forfaultour.

18. *Q U H I L K* was Fryday the Day of the Summonds
of Reduction of the Erle of *Huntley's* Forfaultor.

19. *Apryill*

Apryll 19. *QUHILK* was Setterday the Decreytt of Re- 1567
duction was geven for the Erle of *Huntlye* and all his
Friendis. The same Nycht the Lordis past the Band af-
tir Supper to the Erle *Bothwell* being drawn Secretlie be
him to the Supper.

21. *VIZ*, Mounday the Quene rayd to *Striviling*
as it wes dewysed, and from thence wreyt the Letteris
concerning the Purpose dewysed of hir rawishing. Whair
Huntly cam to hir and began to repent him; in the
mean Tyme *Bothwell* remayned at *Edynbrough* assembling
his Forces.

23. *SHE* cam to *Lynlythguow*, and *Bothwell* came to
Haltoun hard by.

24. *SHE* sent the Erle of *Huntly* to *Bothwell* in the
Morning, quha met hir upon the Way, seamit to ravishe
hir, and tuik *Huntley* and the Secretarie Prisoners, and
led them all to *Dumbar*, and thair remainit to the 3^d
of *May*.

26. The first Precept for the Partising of the Erle
Bothwell, and his Wyiff was direct furth from the Com-
missarys of *Edinburgh*.

27. *THE* second Precept of Partising before Maister
John Manderstoun, Commissair to the Bishop of *Sanctan-*
drois wes direct furth.

May 3.

1567 May 3. S H E was conweytt be *Bothwell* and all his Friends with Sperris to *Edynbrough-Castell*, and for fear of Accusatioun kait thair Speres from thame be the Way, and the next Sunday hir Bannis wer proclaimit be hir awin Precept subscryvit with hir Hand.

12. S H E cam with *Bothwell* out of the Castell to the *Tolbuyth* befor the Lordis of Sessioin, and tuik hir Protestation and Act thair of hir Libertie, and so past toggyder to the Abbay.

15. T H A Y were publicklye mareit after bath the Sortis of the Kyrkis reformed and unreformed, and remaynitt to the 7th of June.

June 7. H E purposed and rayd against the Lord *Howme* and *Ferneberst*, and so past to *Melros* and she to *Borthuick*.

11. T H E Lordis came suddenly to *Borthuick*, *Bothwell* fled to *Dumbar*, and the Lords retheyred to *Edenbrough*. She fallowed *Bothwell* to *Dumbar* disguised.

15. T H A Y cam frome *Dumbar* to *Carbarryehyll*, quhair the Lords met thame. The Erle *Bothwell* fled and she came to *Edenbrough* with the Lords.

16. S H E past to *Loychlewin*, and thair remaynit to the 2d of May 1568.

January 20.

Junij 20. DALGLESHE Chalmerchild to my 1567
 Lord *Bothwell* wes takin, and the Box and Letters
 quhilk he brought out of the Castell. About this Tyme
 my Lord *Bothwell* fled be Sea to the *Northe*.

July 24. THE Quene maid Resignation of hir Crowne
 in Favour of hir Sonne now our Soveraine, and past
 Commissions of Government. At this Tyme Sir *Nycho-*
las Throgmorton was in *Scotland*.

29. THE King was Crownit at *Striviling*, *Middilmoir*
 was present.

August 14. MY Lord of *Murray* now Regent, re-
 turned furth of *France*, and cam to *Edynbrough*.

17. MY Lord past to *Loychlewin* and spake with the
 Quene.

22. MY Lord now Regent was mowit to accept up-
 on him the Commission of Regentry, and geff his so-
 lemnt Ayth for dew Ministrat[i]on.

December 15. THE Parliament was haldin, and
 all Things confirmed thairin.

May 2. THE Quene escaped furth of *Loychlewin* 1568
 and came to *Hamiltoun*, my Lord being in *Glasgow*.

13. THE Field was strykin at *Longsyid*, besydis *Glasgow*.

15. MAISTER *Myddlemoyre* sent from the Quenes
 Majestie [of *England*] caused my Lord from thencefurth
 absteyn from Armour and Violence.

*THE DECLARATION of Mr. John Craig,
Minister of Edinburgh, concerning his proclaiming
the Banns of Marriage betwixt MARY Queen of
Scotland, and JAMES Earl of Bothwell.*

From the Records of the General Assembly.

Edinburgh XXX. Decembris 1567.

MAISTER *Johne Craig* wes bruitit for pro-
clameing the Bandis betwix the Queene and
the Erle *Bothwell*, quha answerit be Word justefeing the
proceidings thairanent, and wes ordanit to give in his
Purgatioun in Wreit to the Effect that his guid mynd
and proceidingis may be knawin to all and Sundrie that
haireftir wald be satisfeit heiranent.

TENOUR of the foresaid Purgatioun.

TO the End that all that feares God may understand
my proceidingis in this Matter, I fall shortlie de-
clare quhat I did, and quhat moved me to defend the
same

same, leaving the final Judgement of all Thingis to the Kirk.

FIRST be the Requeſt of Mr. *Thomas Heppburne*, in the Queenis Name to proclame hir with my Lord *Bothwell*, I plainlie refuiffit, becauſe he had not hir Hand writ ; And alſo the conſtant bruit that my Lord had baith raviſhit hir, and kept hir in Captivitie.

UPON *Wednesday* next, The Juſtice Clark brought me an writting ſubſcryvit with hir Hand, Bearing in Effect that ſhe wes neyther raviſhit, nor zit retenit in Captivitie, and thairfore chargit me to proclame. My Answer wes, I durſt proclame no Bandis, and chiefly ſick without Conſent and Command of the Kirk.

UPON *Thurſday* nixt, the Kirk eftir lang reaſſoning with the Juſtice Clark, and amangis the Breytherene, at Lenth concludit, That the Queenis Mynd ſuld be publiſhit to hir Subjects thrie nixt preaching Dayes ; Bot becauſe the Generall Aſſembly had inhibit all ſick Mariages, We proteſtit that we wald neyther ſolemnize, neyther zit approve that Mariage, bot wald only declare the Princeſſe Mynd ; leaving all Doubtes and Dangers to the Counſellers, Approvears and Performers of the Mariage.

AND ſa upon *Frydday* nixt I declarit the hail Mynd and Progreſs of the Kirk, deſyring everie Man in Godis Name to diſcharge his Conſcience before the Secreit Coun-

fell; And to give Baldness to utheris, I desyred of the Lords there present Tyme and Place to speik my Judgement before the Parties, protesting gif I wer not heard and satisfeit, I ather wald desist frae proclaiming, or else declair my Mynd publickly before the Kirk.

THAIRFOIR being admitted Efternoone before my Lord in the Counsell, I layed to his Charge the Law of Adulterie, the Ordinance of the Kirk, the Law of ravishing, the Suspicion of Collusion betwix him and his Wyfe, the suddane Divorcement and Proclaiming within the Space of four Dayes; and last the suspicioun of the Kingis Death, quhilk his Mariage wald confirme. Bot he answerit nathing to my Satisfactioun; quhairfor efter many Exhortatiouns, I protestit that I culd not but declare my Mynd publickly to the Kirk.

THAIRFOIR upon *Sunday*, eftir I had declarit quhat they had done, and how they wald proceed, quidder we wald or nocht; I tuik Heaven and Earth to witnes, that I abhorred and detestit that Mariage, because it wes odious and sclandrous to the Warld; and seing the best part of the Realme did approve it, ather be flatterie or be thair silence, I desyrit the faithfull to pray earnestly, that God wald turn it to the Comfort of this Realme, that Thing quhilk they intendit agains Reasone and guid
Con-

Conscience. I, because I heard some Persons gangand agains me, usit their Reasons for my Defenses.

FIRST, I had brokin na Law be proclaiming of their Persones at thair Requeist. *Secundlie*, Gif thair Mariage was sklandrous and hurtfull, I did weill for warning of all Men of it in Tyme. *Thirdlie*, As I had of Dewtie declarit to thame the Princes Will, sa did I faithfullie teach thame be Word and Exemple quhat God cravit of thame.

BOT upon *Tysday* nixt, I was callit before the Counsell, and accusit, That I had passit the Bounds of my Commiffioun, Calling the Princeffe Mariage odious and sclandrous before the Warld. I answerit the Boundis of my Commiffioun quhilk wes the Word of God, guid Lawes and naturall Reasone, wes able to prove whatsoever I spak : Zea, that thair owin Conscience culd not bot beare witness, That sick a Mariage wald be odious and sclandrous to all that suld heare of it, giff all the Circumstances thairof wer richtlie considderit. Bot quhill I wes cumming to my Probatioune, my Lord pat me to Silence, and send me away.

AND sa upon *Wednesday* I first repeattit, and ratefeit all Thingis before spokin, and eftir exhortit the Brethren not to accuse me gif that Mariage procedit, bot rather thamefelfis, quha wald not for feir oppone thamefelfis,
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bot rather sharpit thair Tongues agains me, because I admonisht thame of thair Dewtie, and sufferit not the cankrit Consciencs of Hypocrites to sleip at rest; Protesting at all tymes to thame that it wes not my proclaiming, bot raytheir thair silence, That gaue any Lawfulness to that Mariage; For as the proclaiming did take all Excuse fra thame, sa my private and publick Impugnatioun, did faise my Conscience sufficientlie.

AND this far I procedit in this Mariage, As the Kirk of *Edinburgh*, Lordis, Erles and Barronis that heard, will bear me witnes.

NOW seing I have beine shamfullie sclanderit baith in *England* and *Scotland*, by wrang Information and false Report of thaim that haittit my Ministrie; I desyr first the Judgement of the Kirk, and nixt the same to be publishit, That all Men may understand quither I be worthie of sick an bruit or not.

*ACT of the General Assembly allowing of
Mr. John Craig's Purgation.*

Edinb. vi. Julij 1569.

ANENT the Defence given in the Assemblie halden in *December 1567* be Mr. *John Craig* ane of the Ministers of *Edenburgh*, Twitching the proclaiming the
Queene

Queene and the Erle of *Bothwell*. The said Defence beand publictly read, The Haill pointis thairin containit be the Haill Assemblie maturelie considerit, It was found by the Haill Brethren, That he had done the Dewtie of a faithfull Minister, and had committed nathing sclanderous to sik as hes reichteous Judgement, in respect of the Defence forsaid, whilk was found baith godly and sufficient for Declaratioun of his Innocencie thairanent, quhilk the Haill Assemblie declarit and testifeit and ordainit the same to be notifeit to all and fundrie.

ACT of the General Assembly Deposeing the Bishop of Orkney from the Ministrie for marrying the Queen and Bothwell.

Edinb. XXX. Decembris 1567.

ANENT the Mareing the Quene with the Erle *Bothwell*, by *Adam* callit Bischop of *Orkney*, The Haill Kirk finds that he trangressit the Act of the Kirk in Mareing the divorceit Adulterer, And thairfoir deprives him fra all Function of the Ministrie conform to the Tenor of the Act maid thaireupon, ay and quhill the Kirk be satisfiseit of the Sclander committit be him.

ACT

*ACT of the General Assembly Restoring the
Bishop of Orkney.*

Edin. 10. Julij 1568.

TOUCHING the Bischop of *Orkneys* Suspensione from the Ministrie the last Assemblie, and his Obedience and Submissione, The Kirk Restoris him again to the Ministrie of the Word, And als ordains him on some *Sunday* quhen he best may for waiknes of his Body to mak an Sermoun in the Kirk of *Halieruidhouse*, and in the End thereof to confess his Offence in Marieing the Queene with the Erle of *Bothwell*, And desire the Kirk thair present for the time to forgive him his Offence and Sclander given be him in doing the forenamit Act, The quhilk the Bischop promisit to do.

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